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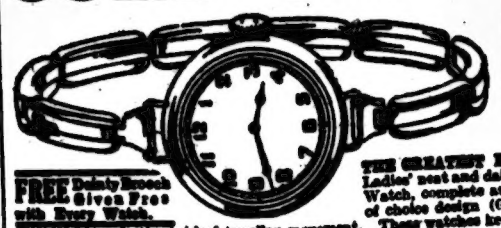

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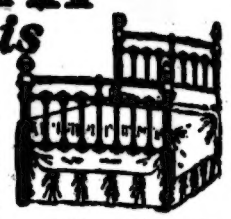

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...nine thousand words that constitute the ... of the Inter-Allied Financial Conference ...ne thing perfectly plain. Britain is still ... the milch cow of Europe. Bad and ...l debts do not constitute a satisfactory ...-sheet.

...a Ended.
...most important result of the Paris Con- ... does not appear in the Report. Willy- ...merica has been forced to link herself up ...e vexed problems of European finance. ...rein lies a gleam of hope.

... Forgotten?
... Mr. Baldwin made his "victory speech." ...lbert Hall he announced his intention of ... away "the jungle of vested interests ...ck the way to social reform." Since ... have strained our ears in vain to catch ... sound from his pioneers.

...g Society.
...ost menacing of these vested interests are ..., neither toiling nor spinning, keep the ... from the raw material by claiming the ... all that therein is. Land reform is the ... of the social arch.

Puzzling Cross Words.
Mrs. Snowden denounces the ex-Premier as guilty of the "worst political leadership of modern times." Whereupon Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., expresses a desire to slap Mrs. Snowden. The rift in the Labour lute is emphasised by the curious silence of the officials.

Second Thoughts.
Suspicion has become a certainty that the tactics that aimed at destroying the Liberal Party were as misguided as they were futile. And much is likely to happen before Parliament is a great deal older.

Watch for Developments.
Behind the scenes are curious rumours of a projected new Party of Liberal and Labour moderates under the leadership of Mr. J. H. Thomas. Certainly much political heart-searching is taking place just now.

Repeated History.
The fall of Trotsky contains a moral which we commend to the notice of our own hotheads. Not the least unpleasant feature of a revolution is the inevitable tendency it has to devour its own children.

And Principle!
Mr. Lloyd George assures the Young Liberals that all they need is "Unity, leadership, organisation, propaganda." We should have thought that a well-considered policy was at least entitled to honourable mention!

Earl Asquith?
Some weeks ago we forecast the elevation of Mr. Asquith to the Upper House. Since the Paisley disaster all sorts of overtures have been made to the small band of Liberals to give up a safe seat for him, but there was nothing doing. So the inevitable has happened.

A Coming Struggle.
Reform of the House of Lords is an issue that cannot be shirked for much longer. Its present anomalous position is impossible. But there must be no restoration of the power to veto democratic finance.

Stop Wasting Our Money.
It is time the curtain was rung down on the great Food Commission farce. It cannot get on, and it must therefore get out. The public is tired of being deliberately humbugged.

Bankrupt Brains.
There was never the least need for further enquiry. All the facts are known. If the Government cannot formulate plans for drastic action, let it have the courage to confess failure.

Facing Facts at Last.
The president of the National Farmers' Union on his retirement urges his members to "avoid control of the industry like the very devil." Haven't we always urged self-help and co-operation as the only remedy?

Open Confession.
Says the *Review of Tea and Tea Shares*: "Should the price of tea now recede to the same figure as ruling last year, an all-round increase in profits will still be recorded."

Inside Tactics.
And to rub the point well home, 2,500,000 lb. of Colombo tea have been deliberately withheld from the market to check falling prices by creating an artificial scarcity. How much longer is this daylight robbery to continue?

Straws in the Wind.
You may, or may not, have noticed the sudden increase in the import of raw materials. These mean work for factories, and that means more employment. Yes, the trade tide has turned.

Oil for the Wheels.
Whether the tide runs freely or is again checked depends a lot on what Mr. Churchill can accomplish. Somehow or other the terrific burden of taxation must be lightened.

The Key to Prosperity.
The Federation of British Industries declares that prospects of international trade are brighter than they have been for a long time past. We know that. We await assurances that prospects of industrial peace at home are equally bright.

Demoralising, but Significant.
We do not like the "dole." We should prefer to see our unemployed at work. But could there be a greater argument for an all-embracing scheme of social insurance, which we have often urged in our columns?

The Fearful Fat Boy.
Lord Eustace Percy rightly urges every local authority to regard a forward educational programme as an elementary assumption. "Squandermania!" shrieks Lord Rothermere, to whom, not unnaturally, an educated democracy must be an ever-present nightmare.

The Usual Cry!
Considerable pressure is being applied to the Chancellor to make education and public health the scapegoats, as usual, in the very justified demand for economy. He must remind certain people that such "economy" is always dearly bought in the long run.

Hard Facts.
The December trade figures show a decrease in coal exports of no less than £27,767,000—and 100,000 miners are now unemployed. In addition, coal that costs 18s. per ton to produce is sold to the consumer at £2 to £3 per ton. The case for immediate action defies argument.

Unabashed Monopoly.
The National Federation of Building Trade Operatives apparently claims the sole right to erect any and every type of building, which means that they prevent any other person from engaging in such work. Wherefore we are constrained to remark that their hea is are as swollen as their name.

Problems of Life.

The Fear of Death

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

AN ex-soldier confessed to me recently that the greatest suffering he underwent during the war was his morbid fear of death.

It is my belief that many of our brave defenders could tell a similar story.

When I visited the Army in France in 1915 I was one day having tea in a Y.M.C.A. hut when a chaplain came in whose white face and agitated manner betokened some unusual strain, and I asked what it was.

"I have just attended a court martial," he replied, "and seen a poor rat of a fellow sentenced for desertion. His nerve broke and he ran away for fear of being killed; it was a case of sheer blinding terror."

"What will they do with him?" I enquired.

"You will soon know without asking if you do not speedily get out of earshot," was the grim rejoinder.

THE statement made me feel sick. In imagination I could see that pitiful tragedy, the infliction of the death penalty upon one whose special weakness was a constitutional inability to face death courageously.

It brought home to me with peculiar intensity the utter hatefulness and insanity of war.

We all shrink from death, but some people have a greater horror of it than others.

This is mainly a matter of temperament, and has little or nothing to do with one's merits and not much with one's beliefs.

It is unreasoning. The reasonable view to take, as has been pointed out again and again both by ancient and modern writers, is that we either survive death or we don't.

If the former be the truth, then death is not the end of life but a fresh beginning. If not, then we shall know nothing about it.

In either event there is nothing to be afraid of.

FOR the comfort of any who are troubled by the nearing prospect of physical dissolution let me say that fear usually vanishes at the last.

A medical man of long experience says: "On the whole death is very kind. I have never known an unhappy death-bed, and I believe there are very few of them. Most people die quietly, serenely, painlessly, and many joyfully."

To this testimony I would add that to my certain knowledge the opening of the gates of death is often accompanied by vision of something beyond, which sheds the welcoming light of heaven upon the passing soul.

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**** Many of Dr. Campbell's previous articles have just been published in book form under the title of "A Book of Homely Wisdom" (5s. John Lane).*

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Rampant Fraud.

We congratulate Sir Henry Dickens on living up to his dictum, "Long-term sentences for long-firm frauds." Time, indeed, that a too lenient law began to treat these shameless tricksters with the severity they deserve.

Commercial Cheats.

Small wonder, too, that the commercial classes are becoming clamorous in their desire to see the bankruptcy laws tightened up. This type of fraud is another canker that is eating the heart out of commercial life.

Dawning Light.

With each sitting of the Lunacy Commission comes further evidence of the urgent need for that alteration of the lunacy laws for which we have so often called. Support of the doctors is assured.

Alter the Act.

The decision of the Air Ministry to hold a public enquiry into the Purley disaster is good. But why should it be a matter of the Minister's discretion? The Act says he "may" hold such an enquiry. It should say that he "must."

Practical Politics.

In seeing for himself the methods of examining aliens at our ports the Home Secretary is taking the right lines. There is no doubt that many loopholes in the law need stopping up.

Good for Them!

We congratulate the ex-Servicemen on their victory in securing the conversion of temporary Civil Service jobs into permanent billets. It ends a situation that never reflected the least credit on the authorities.

Our Warning.

It is many months since we warned the authorities of the danger arising from the presence in the Civil Service and Government employment generally of active adherents of Sinn Fein. We hope recent events have brought home to the authorities the soundness of our warning.

Murdered before Birth.

Thousands of babies are murdered before they are born by ignorant neglect and the stress of unfair economic conditions. Dr. Spinks of Newcastle wants to make pregnancy a compulsorily notifiable condition. Uninstructed motherhood is an acute social peril.

Without Help.

Sir Joseph White Todd, the Argentine railway magnate, states that America admits Great Britain's pluck in taking on a tremendous burden of taxation in order to pay our debts. "John Bull always pays," the business men in New York told him. In spite of America, it should be noted.

It Merits Criticism.

Lord Northcliffe, we see, continually criticises the *Daily Mail* from beyond the veil. Almost we are tempted to believe, for certainly the way Lord Rothermere sneers at progress and champions reaction is enough to make his brother turn in his grave.

A Dismissed Doctor.

Because Dr. Bushnell stood as a Labour Candidate for London University at the last Election he has been dismissed from his post as Tuberculosis Officer to the Plymouth Town Council. This looks very much like political spite. The doctor's demand for a full enquiry should be granted.

Remember Belgium!

When the Armistice was signed, about 100,000 houses were in ruins in Belgian cities and communes subsequently adopted by the Government. By now 95,000 have been rebuilt, apart from the many hutments made available for occupation. There are now more dwellings than before the war, and some 200 houses to let in the small Yser area alone. Neville Chamberlain, please copy.

Hundreds of
"JOHN BULL" CHEQUES
for Flood Victims.
See page 2.

Heroism in the Dark.

A great blast of air in the darkness of a Kil-marnock pit warned William Stevenson that somewhere his mates were in dire peril. Doggedly disregarding all thought of saving himself, he went forward to the rescue. Later, when the foul air had been cleared, a rescue party found him dead near the dead miners he had tried to save.

Dangerous Toys.

Air pistols that can kill rabbits at twenty or thirty yards are not fit playthings for boys in the street. These were the facts in a recent case at Brighton, when it was stated that the Home Office had been asked to sanction the stricter control of these toys. There must be no delay in arming the police with the necessary powers.

Forced "Worship."

At Woolwich recently two soldiers were smartly punished for not attending "Divine Service" on Sunday. Such efforts to force men into religious observances they have no taste for are wrong and stupid, and in both Army and Navy are justly resented. If church attendance is to have any moral value it must be optional and free.

One Wife's Devotion.

Every day the quiet women of England perform noble acts which too seldom see the light. Thus when her husband, a platelayer, was injured on the line near Fenchurch Street, Mrs. Turvey of Old Ford gave a pint of her blood to save him. As Fate ordained, her sacrifice was in vain. We offer our sympathy and respect to Mrs. Turvey, one of the country's noblewomen.

"Suffer Little Children."

At the gates of the Parish Church of South-church, Southend-on-Sea, there is a notice which says, "Children under fifteen years of age are not admitted to the churchyard unless accompanied by an adult." What, would the rector refuse to allow an orphan child to enter God's Acre alone to put a flower on its mother's grave?

In Asylums Now.

The evidence given before the Royal Commission on Lunacy is being very closely followed by the public, because we have often proved that patients may be as sane as the authorities. In one case a man escaped twice and went to outside doctors and secured certificates as to his sanity. The ease with which he escaped makes us thankful that he was not of a violent disposition. But why was he sent there so easily?

The Peril of the Mines.

Frequently, the descent of the mine shaft is a journey to violent death. Joseph Hyman, of St. George's, Bristol, a young lad, had only been down half a dozen times before he paid the dread penalty. If anything could reconcile even the irreconcilable to the prospect of nationalisation of the mining industry it would be the likelihood that State Control might lead to stricter safety regulations in this most hazardous of trades.

Little Windfalls.

After their claims had been placed before the Ministry by our Pensions Editor, readers in Whitburn, Sheffield, Blaina, Manchester and London recently received little windfalls represented by a pension of 7s. 6d. and increases of 6s. 2d. to 12s. 7d., 10s. to 16s. 3d., 5s. to 10s., and 5s. 6d. to 12s. 4d. respectively. These figures are eloquent of the way in which your pension difficulty may be overcome if you "Write JOHN BULL about it."

Driven to Death.

We should like to take a whip to John Peter McGrath, of Peareth Street, Gateshead, who was charged with ill-treating a horse which he declared he was taking to Newcastle to be destroyed. Evidence was given that the animal was down on all four feet and could not move, but the wretch beat it unmercifully in an attempt to drive it to its death until it dropped in the last way white with agonised sweat. And he was only fined a pound!

arriages of Convenience.

By slow degrees Scotland Yard has become
rare of the great bigamy ramp first exposed in
OHN BULL. It is now stated that fifty foreign
omen of the undesirable class have gone through
e form of marriage with British subjects to
cape deportation. We believe the number to
far larger. The police are being hoodwinked
ll.

e Worst Ever.

Surely the worst fraud ever perpetrated on a
bour Exchange was that carried out by Hugh
Coy, of Calthorpe Street, Middlesbrough,
o had the audacity to draw unemployment
nefit in respect of his wife while she was running
noneylending business! A month's imprison-
nt seems but a feeble punishment for such an
rageous offence.

Hush-Hush.

Who is "Dr. A., of Lancashire," and for what
son is the Medical Service Sub-Committee in
t county concealing his identity? He
lected to attend an insured patient as he ought
have done, and on the day of the man's death
e a certificate which did not agree with that
nother medical man. The names of prac-
oners who toy with the lives of men should
made known.

Dock.

concern which is getting into a muddle and
king other people pay for it is the Port of
don Authority. Methods like piling con-
ment on consignment so that the merchant
se goods are underneath has to wait until the
goods have been removed will have to be
ed. Within living memory the charge for
ng grain has gone up from 10½d. a ton to
d. Here is one reason why food is dear.

Insurance Scandals.

connection with industrial insurance com-
es the paying-in arrangements are excellent.
er there is a hitch it is in the paying out.
Hay Halkett, the Marylebone magistrate
made scathing reference to this, and we desire
rect the attention of the Government to the
dalous way in which the law permits these
cting companies to plunder the people's
e. The law must be tightened up.

cks' Spies.

is not only in the Civil Service that Shylocks
their secret agents. A reader who recently
ned loans from two insurance companies on
ecurity of substantial policies has since been
ated by circulars from moneylenders ad-
ed in such a manner as to make it evident
his name must have been furnished to them
ies in the insurance offices. Traitors who
eir employers' secrets in this fashion deserve
shrift.

Fingers in a Sweep.

h reference to our recent remarks regarding
elay in dealing with the Otley Sweepstake
a reader informs us that in his case the delay
een explained by the negligence, to put it
, of the person from whom he had pur-
£10 worth of tickets. It was discovered
his individual had not made the necessary
to the Administration, and it was only by
t of exposure that he was induced to refund
oney. We cannot help wondering whether
are other agents with sticky fingers.

r Force Anomaly.

a strange anomaly, no mention of height,
or chest measurement is made in the
ions for the recruitment of apprentices
Royal Air Force. Recently a lad who had
all the necessary educational tests and had
sly been certified medically fit by an ex-
of the R.A.M.C. was mortified to find
rejected on the ground of "Physique
standard"; and we are informed that such
are by no means uncommon. Some in-
n of the physical standard required would
uch vexatious disappointment.

Don't.

A "company" with English names on the directorate is being formed to run a gigantic sweep on the Grand Prix de Paris next June, and in due course circulars will be distributed through the usual channels. We have the soundest reason for advising readers to refuse to have anything to do with this. The French police mean to step in and seize the proceeds, which are liable to confiscation under French law.

Elusive Birds.

Street traders and others will do well to ignore advertisements of H. Blake & Sons, lately of 109, Victor Road, N.W., offering "Japanese Singing Canaries." Several readers who sent money to the above address for supplies of these feathered toys have found them to be elusive birds, and the advertisers are equally difficult to catch, for letters enquiring the reason for delay in delivery are returned marked "Gone away."

Under Royal Patronage.

There seems to be no limit to the impudence of J. A. Davis and Co., of Denmark Hill, Camberwell, S.E., whose disgraceful methods of business we have frequently exposed. The latest exploit is to send a letter threatening to report to the police the default of a reader who, having heeded our warnings, has never had any dealings with them whatever! It is scandalous that people should be subjected to such annoyance by a concern claiming to be "Under Royal Patronage."

R.S.V.P.

"The Public Benefit Clothing Co.," 28, Cross Stamford Street, Leeds, seem to be very different in practice from the promise of their title. A reader who paid a deposit of 10s. to one of their collectors months ago still has nothing but a receipt to show for his money, and all letters requesting an explanation remain unanswered, though, as they are not returned through the Post Office, it is to be presumed that they are duly delivered to the firm.

A Pretty Postscript.

"Kindly do not take an offence at this letter, as it is only a circular and not a personal letter," says D. C. Phillips, of 76, High Street, Tooting, S.W., one of the moneylending fraternity, in a postscript to his offer of loans. Without waiting to learn whether his unsolicited advances are welcomed or not, he impudently asks for exhaustive particulars of people's private circumstances. "Damned impertinence, I call it," says a reader, "and I know you do also." Correct, and D. C. Phillips evidently knows it as well, or he would not write such a postscript.

A World-famed Will-o'-the-Wisp.

Our old acquaintances, C. Lund & Co., of 91, Gothersgade, Copenhagen, are again active, and have recently flooded this country with circulars commencing "We have pleasure in announcing the early resumption of the drawings in the now World-famed Danish Colonial Money Lottery, which, as you are doubtless aware, has already brought fortune to hundreds of English homes." Old readers are doubtless aware that we have repeatedly characterised Lund's offer of tickets as a will-o'-the-wisp, and new ones will be well advised not to chase it.

Another Photo Enlargement Ramp.

Some months ago an individual calling himself Studholme and giving an address at 26, Johnson Street, Commercial Road, E., was busy canvassing for photographic enlargements and collecting payment for the finished pictures in frames. Requests for delivery of the goods or refund of the money produce excuses and promises signed variously by J. Raymond and J. O'Shea, but nothing more. As usual, it is poor people who have parted with cherished photographs of loved ones as well as money who are the chief sufferers from this ramp.

Fate and Fools.

A local newspaper contains an absurd announcement that "Madame Kismet," of 494, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth, "regrets, owing to her day being filled, that she was obliged to disappoint so many of her clients and friends; also sorry she was unable to keep appointment with Lady D——, having lost her address." This woman describes herself as "The Famous Palmist, Exponent of the Psychic Science, Clairvoyante, etc." Etcetera in this case is a word of eight letters meaning the fooling of weak-minded females in the name of fate. As for Lady D——, like Mrs. Harris, "there ain't no sich pusson."

A Money-making Scheme.

J. Kinnear, of 359, Oxford Street, W., advertises a money-making scheme, and sends applicants replies worded exactly the same as those of B. Barker, c/o R. A. Hughes and Co., 36, Manestys Lane, Liverpool, to which we recently referred under the heading "No Novelty." A reader who sent Kinnear 10s. in part payment of his scheme, on the understanding that his money would be refunded if he found it impracticable, received particulars of a complicated system of selling second-hand goods which was utterly useless to him. Although he promptly returned it, he cannot get his money back.

The Human Machine.

Self-Development

By E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

IN order to overcome a lack of self-confidence it is essential to realise—and to believe—that it is a mental attitude that can be cured. Trite as this sounds, it is necessary to stress it. So many of my correspondents seem to think that in their case there is nothing to be done, although others may be successful.

Note carefully those words "a mental attitude," for while I admit that poor physical health may be a contributory cause, shyness andt imidity are things of the mind and call for mental measures.

That is why I speak of "self-development." It is your mental attitude that needs correction if you lack confidence, and "self-help" is the only kind that is of any avail.

Attend to the physical side by all means. An unhealthy body cannot fail to react unfavourably on the mind.

Like all problems, analysis is the first need. Self-knowledge must precede self-development. Don't blunder vaguely in the dark. No one lacks confidence at all points. Find out very exactly just where the trouble lies.

Then tackle the difficulties one at a time. Do you mistrust your abilities? There is some hobby, possibly, at which you shine—proof that along certain lines your capability is sound. If you can do that, you can do other things equally well—given interest and practice.

There must be some people with whom you are not shy. Isn't it, again, interest? This time, a community of interest? Next time you meet anyone try to discover some common ground. You will forget to be shy.

Self-development means a search for interest. Lack of confidence implies weak mental "muscles." Exercise them and make them strong.

RADIUM'S TERRIBLE TOLL

HEROINES AND HEROES OF THE HOSPITALS

MUCH has been written recently about the new wing of the Radium Institute in Riding House Street, London, W.1, where poor patients will receive free radium treatment for some of the most deadly and painful diseases.

Little has been said of the martyrdom of a number of workers in the Institute who have themselves suffered in silence over a number of years, that others might benefit from the rays of the mysterious element.

Being mere nurses, without either degrees or decorations, they have naturally escaped notice. So, too, have certain conditions of their work, which by no means tend to ease their martyrdom, and which, we think, might be remedied without inconvenience to the Institute, and at little expense.

Lord Iveagh, Co founder of the Radium Institute.

These nurses do not, with one exception, appear on the stationery of the Institute among the long list of committeemen, consultants and so forth. And not even an O.B.E. has come their way.

They are to be numbered among the real heroes and heroines of radium, and posterity will award them the honour that their own age has withheld.

Four of them, brought from the Royal Army Medical Corps in the early days of the Institute, are men—Nurses Irwin, Poole, Wallace and Ross; and five are women—Sisters Keogh (Sister-in-Charge), Bagnall, Servanti, Steen and O'Flarty. All have spent ten to fourteen years in the deadly radium rays, and all are suffering from their dread effects.

Years ago their hands were attacked by the disease which, sooner or later, claims everyone who handles the applicators containing the radium. Sister Keogh has lost two of her fingers and most of the others have practically no sense of touch.

A knock on the affected members will cause them extreme pain for hours, and, as is well known to medical men, they are very liable to contract blood poisoning. A small scratch on the finger endangers their lives.

Four years ago there were three deaths among the staff, and this scare resulted in the nurses together with other more highly placed radium workers, undergoing a blood test. All were found to be suffering from a form of pernicious anæmia.

Since then they have been relieved, to some extent, from direct handling of the radium applicators, the work being undertaken by a temporary staff who are discharged after a few months, or at most a year, before they have had time to become affected.

They have not recovered, and while still employed as highly skilled radium nurses, are absolutely incapacitated from any other employment.

It might be thought that they would be well paid for duties, which dangerous almost to the point of being fatal in the past, are still unhealthy. This is not the case. The male nurses receive only £3 10s. a week. They live out with their families, have no allowances of any kind, and have to provide all their own meals.

Added to that, their position as regards pensions is vague and unsatisfactory. There is no undertaking on the part of the Institute to pay them anything in the event of total disablement, or to their dependents should the final sacrifice in their heroic life-work be made.

It is unthinkable, as it is surely unlikely, that dismissal might be the lot of these martyrs, or that their widows and orphans might be called upon to pay the additional penalty of penury and want. But it is only right that the radium workers should have their security for all time guaranteed, and that while they are employed at the Institute they should have a rate of payment commensurate with their important and dangerous work.

The opening of the free treatment wing has given some of the male nurses an even greater claim for generous treatment. Three of them have been detailed for night duty in rotation, from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., for which they get no extra pay, and not so much as a cup of tea in the middle of the night.

Their work is responsible, and, involving the application of the radium rays to the patients, means a return to the danger zone.

So far as we have heard, the nurses are not themselves asking for anything, the self-sacrificing being poor hands at agitation on their own behalf. But the Radium Institute, so generously endowed by Lord Iveagh and the late Sir Ernest Cassell, can well afford a modest five or six guineas to make life easier for these silent and stricken examples of true heroism.

Victory, Virtue and Bunk

Wary birds who are now on the wing

WHAT has become of Mr. John Edward Murgatroyd and Mr. Walter Nickalls, who traded as stockbrokers in the name of Murgatroyd, Nickalls and Company, Revenue House, 7-8, Poultry, London, E.C.2? A good many people would like to know, including some inquiring spirits in the City police.

If we were to judge by their note-paper we should think highly of Murgatroyd, Nickalls and Company. Judged by their conduct, we are afraid that we must think substantially less of them.

The note-paper, in any case, was an impressive affair, with not only a telephone number (3 lines) but also a telegraphic address "Murganick, Stock, London"; and more impressive still, a crest, engraved on which was a lion protruding its tongue—which is better than keeping it in its cheek.

Under this is the very handsome Latin motto: "*Sola Virtus Invicta.*"—Virtue alone is victorious. A very pretty sentiment indeed.

But we think the less Messrs. Murgatroyd and Nickalls say about virtue the better. They have apparently acted on the Shakespearean suggestion: "Assume a virtue, if you have it not."

What this virtuous and enterprising pair did was to take an office at Revenue House with a view, no doubt, to making a little revenue for themselves. Poultry, it might be added, was a very good place in which to house the goose that was to lay the golden eggs.

From this address they circularised people who held shares in well-known industrial concerns offering them further shares at less than their market value. To a reader of JOHN BULL, for example, they offered twenty-five shares of £1 each in the Blackpool Tower Company, Ltd., at par, the market value ofwhich is about 33s.

The reader sent on £25, and now can neither get back the money nor get the shares for which the money was paid, or find Messrs. Murgatroyd, Nickalls and Company in Poultry, or anywhere else. Within the last few days the birds have flown.

Complaints have poured in from various parts of the country, but these elusive birds will not come off the perch to which they have unostentatiously withdrawn, and where they have opportunities to reflect upon their own virtue and the simplicity of others.

When will people learn to ask for references before dealing with unknown firms, or to take the simple precaution of stipulating for the delivery of the script through their bankers before their money is handed over?

If simple precautions like this were observed, these greedy humbugs would be frustrated, and much money saved.

Pants that Don't!

Dilatory underwear

THERE is a penalty of a fine of £5 under the Business Names Act for firms trading under high-sounding titles who fail to disclose in their printed matter the names of their principals.

This is among the least of the sins of omission and commission to be laid to the charge of a concern called "The Dominions Trading Co.," carrying on business at 21, Port Street, Piccadilly, Manchester.

This anonymous firm months ago issued a sixteen-page illustrated catalogue of a "Yearly Clearance Sale in New and Part-worn Government Stores, Bankrupt and Surplus Stocks of Every Description," and invited the public to send for bargains in these lines, the terms of business being cash with order.

They got plenty of money from people, for the public, after reading the description of the goods offered and noting the large stocks professed to be on hand, willingly carried out their part of the bargain and sent cash with orders for trench coats, jerkins, boots, underwear and so on.

Fleeced!

"The Dominions Trading Co." however, displayed remarkable dilatoriness in delivering the goods, and even when, after applying pressure, customers received something for their money, the goods were frequently very inferior to the description in the catalogue.

For instance, an Irish reader who ordered some "all-wool" pants in August received fleeced cotton pants in the middle of October, while another, who ordered a trench coat, a jerkin, and some rubber early in September, received the jerkin and rubber after long delay, but was still waiting for the trench coat at the end of November.

In consequence of these and other complaints, we published a paragraph under the heading "For Immediate Attention," which we hoped would have the effect of bringing about some improvement in these dilatory and unsatisfactory methods.

Bad to Worse

We regret to find, from complaints received subsequently, that "The Dominions Trading Co." remain as dilatory as ever. Indeed, their methods, instead of showing improvement, have become distinctly worse, for people, mostly in poor circumstances, who sent them cash with orders last November can obtain neither the goods nor the return of their money; and letters asking for an explanation are persistently ignored.

In the circumstances the only course left open to them is to communicate with the Manchester police, who have previously had occasion to interview the manager of "The Dominions Trading Co." regarding complaints of money received for goods not delivered.

The Part in Partnership

...'s your money they want

...UR readers may wonder why, from time to time, we have devoted so much space to ...rising that hardy annual of the ...ent and rapacious, the invest-...-with-employment ramp.

...e answer is that so many cases brought to our notice where ...ovident rogues victimise unwary ...letons that we feel it a duty to ...hat we can to protect people ...risk everything they have got, their life-savings, in order to ...t employment.

...ere is a whole swarm of mean cowardly sharks lying in wait ...uch people, and resolved to ...er them of their last penny. ...e sharks operate all over the ...ry. They advertise for partners ...are to invest money in a busi-...n return for a salary, and, it ...be, a commission and a share ...profits.

Another

...have exposed rascal after ...of this type. To-day we add ...er to our Rogues' Gallery. ...Mr. E. Edwards, who opened ...ce at 45, Fleet Street, London, ...where he was described as a ...facturers' agent.

...advertised for a partner with ...l. He found one, and lifted ...from him. The poor victim, ...ted to be once more em-..., worked like a Trojan at 30s. ...and commission.

...r a while he found that the ...es made to him before he ...with his money were not, ...y means, being kept, and he ...for his money back. He was ...re insistent upon this because ...d that other ill-advised people ...vested money with Edwards ...re equally dissatisfied.

...did not get his money back. ...s not got it yet. Edwards ...eared, possibly to practise ...genious artifices elsewhere, ...he victim put the matter ...hands of the police at Snow ...ation, E.C., who have done ...that can be traced except to ...him his papers last week, on ...uest for them.

...k after week we tell similar ...of tricksters who practise ...tnership fraud. But the cry ...hey come. Important news-...publish their advertisements, ...apparently making the least ...o investigate their *bona fides*. ...ponsibility thus assumed by ...es is a very serious one.

...to Us

...sharks will be baulked of ...ey if people, *before entering ...oliations with them*, would ...e first and most obvious ...on of writing to JOHN BULL ...

...whole business is a scandal, ...is to be hoped that when ...ent reassembles it will be ...to introduce legislation which ...e it more difficult for rogues ...Edwards' type to operate, ...e easy for the police to bring ...book.

DANGERS OF THE NIGHT

DENS OF DOPE AND ROBBERY

Plain Words to the Government

AT Marlborough Street Police Court last Thursday Mr. Mead, the famous magistrate strongly endorsed our persistent protest that the night club menace has developed into a grave public scandal, and we again call upon the Government to introduce legislation that will strengthen the law, and enable magistrates to deal more drastically with the grasping and greedy parasites who live in luxury upon their dupes.

In Knightsbridge there is a luxurious gambling den run by an Italian who keeps in the background. This den is frequented by people in high social positions, and two titled ladies are constant visitors.

Roulette, chemin de fer and faro are played there, and drink flows at all hours. Hundreds of pounds change hands nightly, and the amazing thing is that the habitués of this place do not know that they are cheated, under their eyes, in a most audacious fashion. One or two victims, however, after repeatedly losing heavily, became suspicious and, by close observation, discovered that the swindling was practised by marked cards.

One night an anonymous victim telephoned to the police that a man had been stabbed at this den, and detectives went hurriedly to the scene. No one had been stabbed. But the Italian realised that a very clever ruse had been played upon him by someone who was anxious to get the police on the premises while gambling was in progress.

He acted swiftly. A secret bell conveyed the danger signal to the players. When the police were courteously escorted over the house they discovered just a few people being entertained by a kindly and benevolent host.

There is another den in Jermyn Street, Piccadilly, where the same thing happens—free drink, cheating games, and the same rapid rise to fortune for the proprietor. One man, who lost a small fortune at roulette, could not even borrow his taxi fare from the croupier when, dazed with drink, he crept from the den ruined.

There are many other gambling and drinking hells in the West End that should be closed down, and we shall be pleased to give the police the fullest information about them if they desire it. Meantime, the following exclusive story shows how amazingly simple it is, in the present deplorable state of the law, for people to go on running undesirable haunts even when previous convictions have been obtained against them.

A man named Horace W. Pepper formed a club called the "Covent Garden Club," at 38, Great Queen Street, W.C. He had a little booklet printed telling members what, under the registration regulations, they must not do. This was mere camouflage—members could do what they liked at the club, and drinking and gambling were indulged in until the small hours.

The club was raided last September. Pepper was fined £80 at Bow Street. The magistrate ordered the club to be struck off the register. But this did not perturb Mr. Pepper in the least—he was much too "hot stuff."

He immediately opened new premises at 54a, Long Acre, over a butcher's shop. He obtained these premises by a trick, furnished them on the hire system, and constructed a bar which would not have looked out of place in the most model public-house.

Having just previously been convicted, he could not register the new club in his own name. So he got a woman to register it in her name as the "Long Acre Club." Will it be believed that the new club was situated not a hundred yards from Bow Street Police Court where Pepper had recently been fined!

Mr. Mead, the Marlborough St. magistrate

Pepper, who is an undischarged bankrupt, did not confine himself to drinking dens. He took a flat in Mercer Street, and left it without paying the rent. He has not paid for many of the goods he obtained and sold in his clubs, and an interesting sidelight in his enterprising activities is that, while he was laughing at police regulations, he was actually posing in Mercer Street as "Pepper's Detective Agency"!

Pepper was charged last week, and convicted, for obtaining £25 from a man by fraud. But he has not been punished for running the Long Acre Club, for obtaining goods from people by a trick, and for many other charges which could, and should, be brought against him.

While people like Pepper can make their illegal activities into a permanent source of profit, it is obvious that the Government must not any longer ignore our outspoken demand for more effective legislation to cope with this grave scandal.

Lost in the Golden West

Our appeal for some broken men

WE appeal to the Government of Prince Edward Island, part of the great Dominion of Canada, to do a simple act of justice to some British ex-officers who have been cruelly victimised in circumstances quite beyond their control.

The facts are not in dispute. The Government of Prince Edward Island appointed a Mr. A. F. Mitchell as its emigration officer here in London. This gentleman, to wile away the tedium of his job, conceived the idea of getting English people to invest their money in a Silver Fox Farm project in the great lands of Western Canada.

To add verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing narrative, he issued his appeals for money and conducted the business of this project on the notepaper of the Government of Prince Edward Island.

The result was, as might have been expected, that a number of people put up their money in the natural belief that the project was one that had behind it the backing of the Prince Edward Island Government.

We investigated this matter and found that this was an erroneous belief, and that Mr. Mitchell had no right or authority to use the notepaper of his Government to boost the private project with which he was connected.

We protested emphatically. Mr. Mitchell was arrested and, in March last, convicted for fraud. He was not sentenced. Sir Robert Wallace, who tried him, took up the same attitude that we did, and said plainly that he would not send this man to jail until he learned whether or not the Canadian Government proposed to do anything for the victims, who had lost between them some four thousand pounds, and some of them had actually commuted their pensions to make this investment.

Four months passed and Mitchell came up for sentence. Sir Robert Wallace again postponed sentence, but the Canadian Government did nothing, and the judge subsequently let the prisoner go.

We respectfully suggest that this is a very undignified position for a great Dominion Government to occupy. It certainly ought to have seen that the representative it appointed here was a man who could have been trusted, and equally certainly it has a moral obligation to see that those who thought, and had a right to think, that they were dealing with it, are not made to suffer for the trust which they put in a high Government official.

The amount of money at issue is small. To those who have lost it, it is of the gravest consequence. We therefore make one last appeal, in the name of dignity and self-respect, to the Canadian Government. We are certain that our appeal will be endorsed by the self-respecting inhabitants of that great Canadian Dominion.

Mrs. Cook's Dilemma.

Royal Groom's Widow turned into street

RALPH ENDERSBY HARWOOD, the King's Deputy Treasurer, has gained an unenviable reputation by allowing the eviction, by the Office of Woods, of Mrs. Alice Mary Cook, of Laundry Cottage, Kew Foot Road, Richmond, to proceed.

In spite of the exposure of the case by ourselves, and by several daily papers who followed our lead, he failed to find her the other accommodation to which she was entitled as the widow of a groom who had served for over twenty-two years in the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace.

"An official statement of the facts," issued from Buckingham Palace, is in itself sufficient to damn the persons responsible, although published as a justification. After admitting the length of her husband's service, it refers to Mrs. Cook's having "no legal right of any sort."

Neither had the man who fell by the way any legal right to the attentions of the Good Samaritan. Neither have the widow and the fatherless at any time a legal right to the comfort which we are exhorted to extend to them.

This would be a poor world were it run strictly according to "legal rights."

The statement refers with some unction to a "compassionate allowance." It omits to mention the amount, which, as we have pointed out, is the wretched sum of 11s. 6d.

Is it a compassionate thing to send a widow and her children to the workhouse, which is the only shelter possible on that income? If that is compassion, we would willingly extend ours to Ralph Endersby Harwood.

An Imbecile's Death

West Riding Institution wrongly blamed

IN our issue of January 13 last, we critised severely the circumstances under which an imbecile named James Walton sustained injuries from which he died in the West Riding Mental Hospital at Wakefield.

Unfortunately, owing to an error, our comment made it appear that the criticism referred to the West Riding Mental Hospital in which the man died, whereas it referred to the Doncaster Poor Law Institution at Balby, where poor Walton received his injuries and from which he was taken to the West Riding Mental Hospital.

The administration and staffing of the West Riding Mental Hospital is constantly referred to in the Annual Reports of the Board of Control in the highest possible terms, and we desire to make it perfectly clear that our remarks were not intended in any way to refer to the West Riding Mental Hospital, to the administrators of which we tender our sincere apologies for the mistake.

LEFT TO STARVE

Callous action of the authorities

WILL the country be satisfied with the cruel and callous way in which a very sick man, Lieutenant A. G. Elliott, of 41, Frimley Road, Camberley, has been deserted under the hard and fast code of the Ministry of Pensions, and left to face a hopeless future with a rankling sense of injustice embittering his sick bed.

We have helped to fight the battle for this poor fellow—but in vain.

Lt. Elliott, as we have told, contracted consumption while serving in Egypt during the Great War. But he did not complain. He is not the kind of man to go sick when the enemy is at the gate.

It is true that he has hospital papers, for he was twice in hospital—once for shellshock and once for fever and chest trouble. But he did not complain about his chest, and so there is no reference to it in his papers.

When he came home, a broken man, with advanced tuberculosis and unable to work, he applied for a pension. It was refused on the ground that there was no evidence of tuberculosis developing whilst serving.

Providentially our article was read by an ex-officer who had served with Elliott, and he at once came forward and swore that Elliott was so bad with the cough while serving in Egypt that this ex-officer was afraid to sleep in the same tent with him lest he, too, might catch tuberculosis.

An appeal tribunal was granted to Lt. Elliott last June. Although the man was very seriously ill, it was not held for six months after it was granted, and then poor Elliott was too ill to appear before it, and was represented by the president of an ex-Service men's organisation

Elliott says that while he was in a rest camp in Egypt, at Sidibishri, he was excused physical exercise and all duties on account of his chest condition. Apparently the Government had no record of this. We suggest the reason is that the hospital records at Sidibishri have been lost. If not, why were they not incorporated in the Lieutenant's papers?

It would be a cruel and wanton thing to punish this poor officer for an official muddle. But the authorities have done much worse. They now state that Elliott was arrested and sent home because he was living a dissipated life in Egypt, a thing calculated to damage British prestige. He was said to have been dwelling in a garage like a native and eating native food of the poorest description.

They say he was dissipated and that this dissipation was the cause of his tuberculosis. The answer is that although he was arrested, and demanded to be charged, he says that he was never charged. Two kind-hearted doctors who have looked after him since his return to England state that they were unable to find any signs or symptoms of past dissipation, and responsible people who have known him for twenty-five years say that he has always been a sober, well-conducted man.

The president of his appeal tribunal made the extraordinary statement that "if a man contracts a disability during the period of his war service and aggravates such disability by his mode of life after demobilisation then he is not entitled to *any* pension." This ruling cannot be permitted to pass unchallenged, as it affects the position of every war pensioner.

Treated Worse than a 'Nigger

WE call upon the Foreign Office to investigate some very serious allegations that have been made by a young man, named Percy Camm, who recently had the misfortune to stand in the dock at Nairobi, British East Africa, on a charge under the Vagrancy Laws.

Camm stated in Court that he came to Nairobi in October last, to go to a General Colville, who had engaged him in England in the previous June. His contract, which was verbal, was for £28 per annum, plus food, and his work was to be that of a domestic servant.

General Colville paid his passage and expenses. One of his first jobs in his new occupation was to clean out the dog kennels at his employer's house at Njoro. Suffering from a bad throat, he asked the General's wife if boy labour could not be used, for a few days, on this work.

He was accused of being impertinent to Mrs. Colville, and told the magistrate that the General discharged him. Without money, he asked his employer to find him another post, otherwise he could not accept his discharge. He was kept on temporarily.

Some weeks later, when asked to clean up the yard, he protested that such work could not possibly be expected of him.

The lad says the General then threatened to discharge him at once, but he refused to go, and he was later called upon to sign a paper undertaking to repay £40 and agreeing to break the contract.

He naturally refused to do this. He was told that if he did not sign by four o'clock he would be put out. Still refusing to sign, he left the house and returned to discover his clothes outside the house.

The General would not take him back. He was stranded in a strange country without friends, without food, without resources, and had to sell some of his clothes to get to the Salvation Army hostel at Nairobi. Nobody wanted to employ him.

A Nairobian reader of JOHN BULL has written us that, from personal knowledge on the spot, the average nigger boy would refuse to perform duties such as General Colville ordered this white man to do. He states further that the average wage for a white labourer over there is not more than £300 a year, and nigger boys get from £20 to £40 a year plus their keep.

What has happened to this lad? He wants to get back to England. He has been sadly disillusioned. What are the authorities doing about him? And what is General Colville's explanation? We should certainly like to have these questions answered.

A Fallen Star

EVERY day the advertisement columns of the Press introduce foolish people to men and women who, for a fee, profess to tell fortunes by the stars. In some strange fashion they are able to get in touch with Jupiter or Mars or Venus, and, by supplying them with the date of your birth, they will inform you what the stars tell them about your future.

Of course, this is wonderful. And a lady called Madame Clara Irwin (clairvoyante and trance), of 15, Sandmere Road, Clapham, S.W., is quite a queen of the stars in her way.

She can tell you all sorts of things, and is conspicuous among the clairvoyante brethren because she claims to have inherited second sight.

Her hours are twelve to six, and her fees range from two shillings to whatever you like to pay for whatever particular information you want.

Some time ago two people went to one of this lady's seances and were so disgusted with what they saw that they wrote to us about it. Having no time for people who are charlatans of the most obvious type, we gave Madame Irwin a free advertisement, and told people not to be caught by preposterous representations.

We are pleased that the police read JOHN BULL. Madame Clara Irwin was visited by two detectives who posed as ordinary citizens. Jupiter, Mars or Venus, in all their generosity towards Clara Irwin, for some strange reason, refused to tell her what visitors really were, nor, indeed, did they warn her that very shortly she was to stand in the dock.

That is, however, what happened, and she was fined for unlawfully professing to tell fortunes.

The stars are mysterious in the works they perform. Perhaps, in their wisdom, they object to giving information to Madame Clara Irwin on the rather unsatisfactory basis of doing their part of the job by taking charge while she pockets the fee.

We hope her conviction will be a lesson to others of her type.

AMAZING BLOODLESS CURES!

IF new methods of healing are discovered by properly qualified practitioners who are not members of the medical profession, whose business is it to see that the sick and suffering are given the benefit of these methods? That is the pertinent question asked by Lord Deerhurst

by **VISCOUNT DEERHURST, D.L.**
(son and heir of the G.O.M. of the Peerage, the Earl of Coventry)

WHILE in France I got arthritis of the hip, which caused me intense agony. It made me a helpless cripple. I thought I should never walk again. tried every medical consultant who was ommended to me. I tried every remedy that y suggested. I was as bad as ever, getting ustomed, but certainly not reconciled, to the that I should never get better. I could only g myself along for a few yards—in excruciating n. Existence became almost a nightmare a torture.

hen somebody recommended me to go to an erican osteopath. I can never be sufficiently nkful that I took the advice. After a few tments it seemed that a miracle had hap- ed. The pain disappeared; the lameness ished, and has never returned. I was cured. day, at close upon sixty years of age, I am olutely fit and sound.

hope I may be pardoned for this personal ement. I am most anxious that the benefits steopathy should be available, not for the who have opportunities to learn what it is what it does, but for the many, who have I make it also, in order to show that my usiasm for osteopathy is not that of a faddist ank, but that of a disinterested and grateful nt.

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ere is another reason. The day will prob- come when osteopathy will be recognised by medical profession in this country as a great invaluable addition to the healing art. But bodies move slowly; and that recognition take time. Sir Herbert Barker's noble es as a manipulative surgeon have been nised by his Sovereign; they are still ded as unorthodox by most members of the al profession.

desiring to hasten the day when osteopathy ome into its own, I am not thinking of the interests of any profession, but of the less ill and afflicted sufferers, who can find, ound, no help from the ordinary methods ling, but may find physical salvation, as I it, in osteopathy.

nt, then, is osteopathy? Who invented Where did it come from? What does it

ould like to answer these questions to the f my ability, and for the reasons I have

ing of dless Surgery

opathy is a method of treating disease, the use of drugs, nor by the surgeon's but by manipulation of the body. Just Herbert Barker cures such things as ll knee, by manipulating the injured joint hose marvellous hands of his, so the ath cures disease by no less expert manip- of the joints and vertebræ and muscles body—according to the symptoms that hes to correct.

invented it? The answer is that athy was not invented by lay healers, ristian Science, or by philosophers, like -analysis. It was discovered by a famous an surgeon of the Civil War, Dr. Andrew Still. He discovered it, not by accident, personal powers of observation and strict He found that certain states of disease onstantly associated with physical con- of the spine and other parts of the framework of the body. He experimented on the living with what he learned from the dead. He tried to correct damage to the framework so that harmony—or health—might be restored to the whole body.

His system has been developed and elaborated. To-day there are ten thousand osteopaths—with college degrees, recognised by the State—practising in America.

Osteopathy, then, is based on the fact that the human body is a machine, and, therefore, subject to mechanical law. The backbone of the human machine is the spinal column. We have medical specialists for the heart, the lungs, the brain, the kidneys, the nerves. The osteopath is a specialist on the spine.

The Spine and the Human Machine

The human spine is made up of twenty-four separate bones, so constructed as to give passage to very important nerves and blood-vessels to and from the spinal cord. It is found that maladjustments or malalignments of the spinal column obstruct the blood-vessels and nerves that pass through it and produce abnormal reaction in the organs and tissues fed by these bloods vessels and nerves.

Viscount Deerhurst

The osteopath removes the pressure on nerves and blood-vessels by skilled manipulation — readjusting bones, ligaments, cartilage and muscles. Nature does the rest. The human organism is a vital mechanism capable of self-repair and self-recuperation when perfectly adjusted.

Of course this is only a general, not a technical exposition of osteopathy; but sufficient, I hope, to show the common-sense of its methods. Let me give a couple of examples of actual cases:

A man of fifty developed atrophy of one arm. It was bandaged to his side, and, lifeless, was on the point of becoming gangrenous. By the advice of eminent surgeons it was about to be amputated. An osteopath cured the arm by manipulative methods. A misplaced collar-bone was obstructing the blood and nerve-supply to the arm. The collar-bone was manipulated into its correct position, circulation restored, and the use of the arm was gradually regained.

Somebody has said that an osteopath is the man who takes the "sigh" out of sciatica. A patient was recently cured osteopathically of this disease with grave complications, after being put out of two nursing homes as incurable and unmanageable, and when his friends had actually been advised to place him in an asylum.

A Supplement to Our Hospitals

Recently, by the aid of the osteopaths and their friends and grateful patients, a clinic has been opened at 12, Wigmore Street, W.1, where osteopathic treatment is given at reduced fees to poor patients and to children. Many doctors send their patients here for treatment for diseases of the stomach, the nerves, the muscles, for lameness, and for spinal and many other ailments.

Lord Queenborough is the President of this clinic, and Major J. B. Paget, is one of its most enthusiastic patrons. They would like to see hospitals and clinics of this kind established throughout the country. So would I. Their work would supplement the great and noble work done by our great hospitals. They would be rallying-points for public information on this new method of healing without drugs.

The best physicians to-day are not nearly so keen on drugs as their predecessors. They do not, for example, as pointed out by Sir William Osler, give drugs for typhoid, which, a century ago, was treated with bleeding and blistering, vomiting, and purging, antimony and calomel and other heroic remedies.

The osteopath does not believe in drugs. When he finds a diseased condition, lameness, it may be, or heart trouble, or kidney disease, or deafness, or whatever it may be, he looks for the cause in some disordered function, some impeding of the nerve and blood-supply to the affected part. If there is a maladjustment in the spine—the main channel of the nerves—if there is an impediment, he removes it and Nature does the rest. Remove the obstruction and the machine will work. Or, as Dr. Still used to put it—find it, fix it, and leave it alone.

How Osteopaths are Trained

Why, then, is osteopathy, which can effect such marvellous cures in so many forms of illness, not more widely known? That is the question on which I wish to focus public attention, for the public benefit.

First, because osteopaths do not advertise—any more than doctors do. They are not quacks, but a qualified body of professional men. The course they go through at their colleges is a four-year course—as complete as that of doctors here—except that they do not waste time over botany and drugs—in which they do not believe—any more than they believe in pills against earthquakes.

How, then, are their methods to be more known? That is the problem. The medical profession will not work with people who do not take doctors degrees in this country. On the whole, that is perhaps a wise precaution. If doctors are to work with non-doctors, where are they to stop?

But what I suggest is that there should be some way of testing the claims of osteopaths and of giving recognition to their methods if the tests are passed. Could not the Royal Society of Medicine investigate this matter?

Doctors who have been Convinced

They need not rely on the mere statements of osteopaths. Several British doctors, impressed by the successful results of osteopathic treatment, have actually gone to America, and, at their own expense, given up their practices here, and spent years to qualify across the Atlantic and have returned here to practise.

Why not appoint a Committee to examine these gentlemen, and get their views and experience? Is not the very fact that these gentlemen have gone to America to learn osteopathy something that differentiates it from any other form of healing art and raises it to a higher plane?

I appeal, therefore, to the medical profession to abandon the attitude of aloofness and look into this matter. I appeal to public opinion to demand such an investigation.

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P.
10, Downing Street.

MY DEAR PREMIER,—Writing to the *Manchester Guardian*, Sir Leo Chiozza Money categorically states that during the war he was directly responsible for preventing our siege stores of food being sold to the enemy, and adds, "It is a national scandal that still awaits full exposure." Here is a challenge that it seems to me you can hardly ignore. The men who had the power to attempt such a traitorous act then, have still the power to hold up the nation's food to ransom, even though at the moment there is no enemy with whom to bargain. This allegation must be investigated. JOHN BULL.

To Rt. Hon. LORD EUSTACE PERCY,
Minister of Education.

DEAR SIR,—I am glad to see that you are giving free expression to your views on the need for fuller and freer education. I do not like, however, your assumption that you can only follow where local authorities lead. It is clearly the business of the Minister of Education to evolve an educational policy and see that it is carried out. Don't waste time fighting the local authorities. You will need all your energy to fight the Treasury when they try to persuade you that educational expenditure is not true economy. JOHN BULL.

To Rt. Hon. Sir JOHN SIMON, M.P.,
House of Commons.

DEAR SIR,—It is apparent to all unprejudiced observers that Liberal unity is inextricably mixed up with the question of Liberal leadership, and that neither Mr. Asquith nor Mr. Lloyd George has any chance of support from the young Liberals. I have repeatedly stated my conviction that you hold the key to the situation. I think so still. It has suited you for a long time to play a waiting game, no doubt very largely from ideas of loyalty. But, there comes a time when loyalty to the past becomes treason to the future. I think the moment is opportune for you to declare your hand. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M.P.,
Minister of Health.

SIR,—I wish to draw your attention to the obstructionist attitude of certain doctors who, by persistently absenting themselves from meetings of the Medical Services Sub-Committee of the National Insurance Committee for the County of London, of which they are members, prevent the investigation of complaints against their own profession. It is clearly your duty to take immediate steps to prevent the continuance of a state of things so injurious to the public welfare. As panel doctors they are the servants of the State, and must fulfil their obligations. JOHN BULL.

To A. E. R. GILLIGAN, Esq.,
Australia.

MY DEAR CAPTAIN,—Countless hands in the Old Country are stretched across the sea to congratulate you on the magnificent performance of your merry men in the crucial Test Match. To read of such a splendid achievement in the face of overwhelming odds reconciles us all to the prospect of having to wait a little longer for the return of the "Ashes." You and your colleagues have made cricket history and shown that the British lion still knows how to keep his tail up. JOHN BULL.

To HAY HALKETT, Esq.,
Magistrate, Marylebone Police Court.

SIR,—When a destitute costermonger named Henry Reynolds, aged sixty-five, was charged before you with sleeping in a van without visible means of subsistence, you showed a spirit of compassion which I should like to see more frequently displayed in police courts. Instead of committing the poor old fellow to prison, you passed a formal sentence which meant his immediate release, and directed that he should be given the means of a fresh start from the poor-box. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. J. E. C. WELLDON, D.D.,
Dean of Durham.

DEAR BISHOP,—It is all very well to lecture railway men on their "greed and covetousness," but I wish you would come down to "brass tacks." I have before me the weekly budget of a railway porter which shows that after paying for rent and fuel there is less than a pound left to provide food for a family of four. The wage-earner is not necessarily a monster of avarice because he demands a larger share than this of the good things of life. JOHN BULL.

To the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE SALTER,
Old Bailey.

MY LORD,—I congratulate you upon your humane administration of the Infanticide Act. Until a year or two ago His Majesty's judges had the hateful task of passing the death sentence upon women who, in madness brought on by the agonies of child-birth, had taken the lives of their new-born babes. That this revolting and inhuman farce is now ended is a matter of intense satisfaction to all who value the high traditions of our Criminal law. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. FRANK EVANS,
Vicar of Sutton, near Hull.

SIR,—You have been fined a guinea for causing an obstruction with your motor-car, which you left in the street while you went to pray with a dying woman. There are illegalities which do honour to those who perpetrate them. Yours is a case in point, and you may well be proud of being brought into Court on such a charge. Your reward is that you comforted a poor dying soul, and, in so doing, have earned the respect and gratitude of your fellows. JOHN BULL.

To H. P. MACMILLAN, Esq., K.C.,
Chairman, Royal Commission on Lunacy.

SIR,—In the course of your investigations I hope you will enquire closely into the treatment of Poor Law patients in mental hospitals. Only last week, in reference to a complaint of ill-treatment of a patient at Long Grove Mental Hospital, the Board of Control informed the Wandsworth Guardians, who had pressed for an enquiry, that the matter had already been considered, and it was not thought that any useful purpose would be served by going into it further. The uneasiness occasioned in the public mind by the frequency of similar complaints will never be allayed so long as there is ground for suspicion that something is being concealed. Let us know the truth and the whole truth, at any cost. JOHN BULL.

NOTHING IN SIGHT

In his "Victory speech" Mr. Baldwin announced his intention of clearing away "the jungle of vested interests." Why doesn't he turn round?

Straight from the Shoulder

WALTON NEWBOLD: Britain after the Revolution will be strictly recognisable as Britain.

Britain is "after" the revolution now, and people you will do well to lie low.

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RONALD MCNEILL: Conservatism is consistent with large progressive policies of reform.

You may be right, but don't forget that promise is the same as performance.

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SIR A. STEEL-MAITLAND: It would be absurd to maintain that any Government department can cure unemployment.

No one does. The contention is that the Government could—but does not.

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COL. WEDGWOOD: The next Labour Government must know what it wants to do and how to do it.

Which is a confession that the last knew neither of these things—as we thought.

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CARDINAL BOURNE: Class warfare is contrary to Christianity.

So is international warfare, but we don't remember any protest by the churches.

Without Fear or Favour

BETTER THAN BIRTH CONTROL

Wanted: An Axe

WITH characteristic vigour Mr. Winston Churchill has begun his reign at the Treasury with a flourish of the historic "axe." He has called upon the great spending departments to furnish him with economy proposals which it is hoped may justify substantial tax reductions in the next Budget.

But the departments are at their old games. The mere whisper of economy has stung into activity all the little coteries of faddists and fanatics who confuse extravagance with efficiency, and already the Government is threatened with the direst consequences if it dares to cut down expenditure—except where it ought not to be cut down.

No one troubles to plead with the Chancellor not to reduce expenditure on education or public health; but at the first hint of retrenchment in the Army and Navy estimates by a reduction of the swollen staffs of the War Office and Admiralty, there is the devil to pay. This is all wrong.

If Mr. Churchill is as wise as he is clever, he will fix his mind on the distinction between real and sham economies, and give us a Budget which will win respect for the strongest Government of recent years.

There never was a time when courage was more necessary at the Treasury. The threatened bureaucrats are bristling for a fight, and all the forces of reactionary die-hardism are mustering for the fray. If Mr. Churchill is to take his place among the great Chancellors he must find a way of checking waste, while continuing to spend money liberally on services that make for health and happiness.

Asinine Law

ONE of the first matters to which the Government should direct attention is the condition of the Divorce Laws. These are riddled with anomalies which clamour for redress.

At present a woman who has obtained a *decree nisi* as a result of her husband's misconduct, believing herself to be free, may cultivate the intimate friendship of another man.

Then the King's Proctor's sleuths are set to work, and if there is an atom of evidence that she has overstepped the platonic line, the Court will be moved to rescind the decree for which, perhaps, an ill-treated and neglected woman has waited patiently through many weary years.

The stupidity of the present law readily grants a divorce if one party has been unfaithful, but if both parties have broken the pact it is decreed that the formal tie must keep its iron force for ever. Was there ever a more immoral farce?

State Grants for Family Men

THERE would be no cause for birth control if the State would regard children as a national responsibility. At present child-bearing is the most dangerous industry and the worst paid

BEHIND the problem of the birth-rate is the fact of hunger; it will be solved only when the State realises that children are its chief potential wealth, and acts up to this belief. The nation must invest money in the great industry of maternity. Such an investment will bear rich dividends.

At present the theory of the living wage is based on the "average family"—a man, wife and three children. Families smaller than the "average" are enjoying more than their share at the expense of larger groups.

Rt. Hon. Sir A. Steel-Maitland, Minister of Labour.

Above all, the system redounds to the advantage of the bachelor, who, while producing no child-wealth for the nation, receives the same as the responsible parent. To pay the same wage to bachelors as to the fathers of families is like putting the same quantity of food on all tables without bothering to count the mouths.

As long as this illogical system of wage-payment continues, we shall have domestic poverty and squalor. Was it not in order to discourage the birth-control movement that France in 1920 incorporated family allowances in her national wage-system?

THE principle of family allowances is based on a basic wage for unmarried men, with a fixed increment after marriage and a still further addition for each child. There is nothing new about this system. It was adopted during the war in the payment of Army separation allowances. Moreover, it already obtains in certain industries.

In general, married policemen are given rent allowances, and in some instances ministers of religion receive an allowance in respect of children. The abatements of income-tax enjoyed by family men are a recognition of the same principle.

There are two methods of putting this desirable system into practice. The allowance can be added to the basic wage and paid by the employer, or it can be paid as a grant by the State. To the first of these courses there are obvious objections.

It would place a premium on unmarried men in the labour market: and, moreover, there would be a danger that the allowance would be used as a pretext for raising prices, and so aggravate the very evil it is intended to cure.

The preferable plan is the State family grant. Payment by the Government would spread the cost over the nation as a whole and so enable the community to conserve its child-wealth. The family allowance should be on a sliding-scale basis, so that when a man's wages increased above a certain figure, the grants-in-aid would automatically cease.

THE results of such a system would be extremely beneficial. A halt would be called to the declining birth-rate, and to the increasing rate of infantile mortality. The physique of the nation would quickly improve. It would no longer be necessary for mothers to go into industry, at the risk of their own health, and to the detriment of unmarried women workers.

In a little while the advantages of the system will make us wonder why we were so slow to scrap our present higgledy-piggledy arrangements. The way to counter Bolshevism is to speed up sound and sensible reform.

Ca'canny Politicians

RESTRICTION of output is a crime against society; and we have never hesitated to condemn trade unions indulging in this anti-social policy. But we have never made the mistake of supposing that they were the only offenders. We know of employers who practise "ca'canny" for their own profit.

For the moment we are concerned with another form of "ca'canny," to be observed in the habits of Parliament, shortly to reassemble after a recess which has been altogether too long. It is intolerable that a Legislature, with a fresh mandate from the constituencies, should have been so slow in getting to work on the hundred-and-one neglected social tasks.

The evil is no new one. For a long time past our legislators have reduced their output to the lowest possible level, by holiday-making for half the year, while such work as they have done has been so badly "scamped" that many modern Acts of Parliament are the despair of the Courts which have to interpret them.

It is high time that the whole question of these Parliamentary half-timers and their shoddy output were faced, not only by the Government, but by the electors. The nation has suffered too much by the pressure of unjust laws and unfair social conditions to tolerate with patience this continual betrayal of its interests.

Men who are for ever denouncing "ca'canny" in others must be made to recognise that those chosen to take part in the work of Parliament are under a moral obligation to do their jobs thoroughly, or make way for others who will.

Bung and the Budget

HOPES of a reduction of beer taxation are being dangled before the noses of the public. Such a reduction is only welcome if it is passed on to the man in the bar.

"Our trade our politics" is the brewers' historic slogan. Is it not a fact that at this very moment the Trade is pulling the wires to ensure that, if possible, any Budget advantages accorded them shall go no farther than their own banking accounts?

The Archbishop of Wales stated a few days ago that it would be a great disappointment to the public if any of the Government surplus went to relieve the brewers' taxation. We agree. Forty per cent. is an ample dividend for "protecting" the poor man's beer.

A good policy for the Chancellor, as far as beer is concerned, is: "Reduce the price and increase the quality." At present the one is too high, the other much too low.

Lord Decies, D.S.O., prominent in the Income-tax Reform Movement.

Income Tax Rogues

HERE comes Mr. Winter, collector of taxes,
I advise you to give him whatever he axes.
You may take my word for't he'll stand no flummery,
For though his name's Winter, his proceedings are summary.

by A. G. GARDINER

IT must be forty years since the above doggerel first caught my ear and warned me of the implacable character of Mr. Winter. Time has not softened him. Mr. Winter is still as cold as an iceberg, as uncompassionate as the East wind, as heartless as a step-mother. He is not only "going strong"; he grows more vigorous and ruthless with years. He used to whip us with thongs; now he whips us with scorpions. And his dislike of flummery makes his proceedings more summary than ever.

This week he has descended on us with the red light long before his usual custom. If we do not pay up in three weeks from the 21st, he says, he will bring us before the bench and have us under lock and key before we know where we are. No more dawdling for him. He's tired of dawdling. He's tired of sending out notices that are unnoticed. Red is the colour for him, and either we pay or there is the dock and the deep, damp cell for our portion—that is, unless we have goods that he can sell up at a sufficient price to meet his demands.

LET us be just to Mr. Winter. We can't be expected to like him. Nobody ever liked a tax-gatherer. "To tax and be popular," said Burke, "is as impossible as to love and be wise." But Mr. Winter has his duty to do and I daresay he does it as handsomely as he can. He has to bark at us or some of us would never pay at all, but his bark is worse than his bite. He does not really love biting, and I fancy he only bites those who deserve to be bitten.

I think there has been a good deal of unnecessary panic over his red notices. The wage-earner who is behind with his tax is subject to summary jurisdiction, and I see no injustice in making the middle-class tax-payer liable to the same process. There is no glory in being proceeded against in the High Court. It costs more money and the defendant has to pay the charges. I do not like the idea of imprisonment for debt. "It smacks of the Dark Ages," as the Governor of Durham Prison says, and it comes as something of a shock to learn from the report of the Commissioners of Prisons that nearly a thousand people were imprisoned last year for non-payment of income-tax.

IN most cases the debtors imprisoned were the victims of circumstances. They were usually imprisoned for arrears incurred during the boom period when they earned enough to make them liable. Had they been taxed at the time they would probably have been able to pay, but the demand did not come until the boom had gone and they were left without means and sometimes without employment. "They are to be sympathised with," says the Governor of Brixton Prison. It is plainly unwise to put men in prison of whom the jailer himself says this. It does not furnish the money. It makes the debtor a burden to the community, it prevents him looking for work, and its moral effect must be bad.

I hope Mr. Winter will take care that this power of imprisonment is used with the utmost caution. It may be necessary to have it in reserve, but it should be employed only where deliberate dishonesty is clearly established.

In such cases stern measures are justified. For though we do not like Mr. Winter, we are bound to confess that, since we must pay our way, the income-tax is the best and fairest instrument ever devised for doing so. It makes us pay according to our possessions and not according to our consumption.

A TAX on food is the cruellest tax, for the poorer you are the more crushing it is, and the richer you are the less crushing it is. The price of bread and butter is nothing to the millionaire in Park Lane; it is almost everything to the widow in Shoreditch. But the income-tax makes us pay in exact proportion to our capacity to pay, and it is the income-tax which has given this country a stability which has been the envy of the world.

I have no sympathy with anyone who tries to evade it, for the dishonest man who evades it is putting his share on the honest man who does not evade it and on the salaried man who cannot evade it. Least of all have I sympathy with the rich men who evade it. That some of them do evade it is notorious, and I hope Mr. Churchill will set himself to the task of stopping up the holes of these gentry. There are men who have become rich through the sacrifices of this country during the war and who have cut the painter and slunk away to places where they escape our Mr. Winter.

The case of Jersey is an example. That island swarms with tax-dodgers. I have been told on very high authority of instances in which men, who have made every copper of their enormous fortunes out of the pockets of the British people and who ought at this moment to be paying income-tax, running far into six figures, who have sold out, established themselves in Jersey and elsewhere—even as far away as South Africa—and have so escaped Mr. Winter's net altogether.

That is a very cowardly and shameful thing. It ought not to be possible; and the curs who, having enriched themselves at our expense run away and leave the poor and the honest to bear their burden deserve no mercy. I hope Mr. Churchill will have no mercy and that he will find a way of bringing them to book. Why should we not have their names officially exposed and their infamy publicly denounced? There is another type of evasion through bearer bonds and still another through the formation of trusts which, while not evading income-tax, do evade super-tax. These tricks need drastic measures too.

FINALLY, cannot there be an extension of taxation at source? That great idea, which we owe to Gladstone, was one of the wisest things ever done. If the tax on wages and salaries and so on were deducted at source without our even seeing it we should be better off. But we get the money, think it is our own and spend it, and then Mr. Winter comes along when we are, perhaps, hard up and demands a debt a year or two years old. If Mr. Churchill will remedy this he will earn the thanks of many a hard-pressed citizen.

Are our marriage laws too loose?

HUSBANDS

IT has been the proud and just boast of the British people for many centuries that their country afforded sanctuary to the oppressed of every foreign tyranny, and that in days when liberty of speech and thought was denied in most of the Continental nations, this island home of freedom stood ever open as a refuge to the victims of persecution.

This ancient right of sanctuary no true Englishman would cancel or restrict. But this liberty has of late years been monstrously abused. Dr. Hyslop, the eminent physician and psychologist, says in a recent book that "the invasion of our land by hordes of aliens, who mostly come as social wreckage from other lands to clog the wheels of our Constitution and to harass and impede the evolution of our race," is one of the causes of overcrowding. "These degenerates throng our out-patient departments, they grasp the charities established by our fathers, and we quietly nurse those who, biologically viewed, are literally drinking our life-blood."

Against this invasion, harmful as it is to our people's means of existence and deadly to the health and fitness of our posterity, we have as good a right to make resistance as if it were thrust upon us by force of arms.

At a time when nearly two millions of British workers are unemployed, when thousands are cooped up in insanitary hutches because British wealth and enterprise can provide them with room to live decently, and when the best of our craftsmen and land workers are being driven abroad to enrich foreign lands with the fruit of their industry, we certainly have no superfluity of wages or house room to give away to unprofitable and undesirable aliens.

But as Dr. Hyslop says, the invaders of to-day are mostly the wastage and dregs of their own lands who come here, not to work, but to prey upon the foibles, follies, and vices of our decadents.

JOHN BULL's exposures of an abominable form of this invasion have had a sequel in the courts. A man named Kilsby who was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for bigamy, had "married" two dissolute Frenchwomen in order to give them rights of nationalisation, was just about to marry a third when he was arrested. Another, named King, who received like sentence, had actually married three women, and it was shown by his own admissions that he was the instrument of a systematic, widespread

Why Save St. Paul's?

WHAT does it stand for—the gold cross shining above the multitudinous life of London? Does it represent the soul of a great city? Is it an aspiration or a mockery? These questions are boldly put in the article which follows, and as boldly answered.

by "A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER"

The Rev. William Ralph Inge, D.D., Dean of St. Paul's.

ST. PAUL'S is not to tumble down. From all parts of the country, and from all conditions of the people, money has poured in for its preservation. We may breathe again. We may even make use of this escaped danger to do a little honest thinking.

The original object of Sir Christopher Wren was threefold. He tells us that he desired to make St. Paul's "an ornament to His Majesty's most excellent reign," to the Church, and to this great city." That was Wren's purpose, gravely stated and piously accepted.

His Majesty's most excellent reign is now happily over, and no man who is not a cynic ever thinks of Charles the Second, Nell Gwynne, and the Duke of Buckingham when he looks up to the gold cross above the cupola. The Church still survives, but, if truth be told, in a rather down-at-heel condition, complaining of poverty and neglect, perpetually quarrelsome, like dull people in a second-rate boarding-house, certainly not yet worthy of so magnificent a monument. There remains London, "this great city," and one is bound to ask the question whether the gold cross seriously and honestly proclaims the truth about London. Is it a Christian city or even seriously trying to be a Christian city? Is the gold cross a splendid truth, or is it a mocking jest?

THIS question should not be shirked: it should be quietly confronted and honestly answered: for it is plain that error of the most calamitous order must be the consequence of any governing deceit in the soul. One might as well expect health from a diet of poison as peace, order, and happiness from a wrong way of thinking about life. It may be that all the threatening convulsions of our social life flow from one single source—an error in the mind concerning the nature of God.

When the last Tsar of Holy Russia, who was as pious a man as we shall find in any Church Congress or Methodist Conference, saw his wife and children butchered to death in circumstances too ignominious and sordid even for tragedy, did he feel that all his prayers had been in vain and that God had deserted him? When the last Hohenzollern Emperor scrambled into the train for Holland, fleeing from the wrath of his people as a murderer flees from the police, did he register a grudge against his Heavenly Partner who had so cruelly deserted him in the hour of trial, so traitorously failed to beat down Satan (the Allies) under his feet?

WE tell ourselves that these men, consciously or unconsciously, lived with a lie in their souls. They made a mistake about the nature of God. One of them thought that the Universal Spirit could be moved, pleased, and placated by the prayers of a dirty rascal like Rasputin; the other that he could gather the grapes of the True Vine from the brutal thistles of militarism. God did not let them down. He never knew them.

They prayed to something that has no existence; they placed their faith in a providence which has never functioned from the beginning of time. Any fool can see these things. But it takes a wise man, a very wise man, to reflect upon the stern admonition, "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

Is the God to whom people pray in St. Paul's Cathedral any truer than the God of whom the court chaplain preached soothing sermons at Potsdam, or the God into whose hands the Emperor Nicholas committed the life of his poor little delicate son?

What is the God of England? Is it not a Chimera of which Nature bears no witness? Is it not a Thing that can be wheedled and hoodwinked?—a Thing that is very unhappy when we do not sing dreary dull hymns to it, but which becomes radiant with joy when we moan to it that we are miserable sinners? Nature tells us nothing of such a God. No man of science has ever found the smallest evidence of such a God in the laws which govern the universe. Every advance in knowledge proclaims the reign of universal law, witnesses to the sternest kind of justice, and teaches that nothing is of more serious importance to man than truth.

WE may see at once how gravely this matter affects our national life if we reflect upon the chaotic and threatening character of modern civilisation. There is no peace in our midst, no security, no tidal movement of the nation towards a fulfilment of the Will of God. We are all pulling in different directions. We are all living at sixes and sevens. We are no nearer to truth in the inward parts, no nearer to a truer conception of life than ex-Kaiser or ex-Tsar. Those two men brought dreadful horrors on the world by a false notion of God. Is there no evidence that we may be suffering from a like mistake?

If we believed in God as the Author of Evolution and Natural Law, if we believed that human personality has a purpose worthy of its tremendous setting, and that it is a matter of enormous importance what we think and what we do, then surely with one mind we should set about changing those things in the life of London which mock the gold cross on St. Paul's and make us as ridiculous in the eyes of the angels as the skull and cross-bones on the pious Kaiser's busby.

As far as our moral life is concerned, we might just as well let the roof of St. Paul's fall in as prop it up for a century or two longer, if we are not going to be serious about the nature of God and the character of human life.

THE God of Evolution, whose law is that a man shall reap only what he sows, is not likely to forgive us our slums and brothels, our ostentation of vulgar wealth and our complacent acceptance of degrading poverty, and our satisfaction with low animal amusements, merely because we have preserved from ruin a building whose architecture is imperfect and within whose walls the full truth of life is never faithfully proclaimed.

One thing is surely certain: that we can no more buttress up a ramshackle and faulty conception of God than the prayers of a faith-healer can heal a man with a broken leg. If we are worshipping a God Who doesn't exist, or treating with contemptuous indifference a God Who does exist, then we are in a state of peril, both as individuals and as a nation.

OR HIRE!

by ALEX. M. THOMPSON ("Dangle")

organised conspiracy to defeat the immigra- laws.

scores of these bogus marriages take place. e arrangements are made by some scoundrel oad, the English "husbands" are paid a few nds for going through the ceremony, and then either leave their "brides" or render them the further service of installing them in luxurious West End "mansions." The women, having secured a certificate of marriage with a British citizen, are then at liberty to ply their nefarious trade here, as dope purveyors, thieves, or common prostitutes.

From France, from Belgium, from Holland, and from Germany they come, these pests and parasites, many of them bringing germs of disease, to recruit and aid our criminal classes. The police know that no fewer than two hundred of them have lately been "nationalised" by sham marriages in London; but conspiracy is so cunning and systematic that difficult to cope with it.

he prosecution of the agents in this country ly will not stop the infamous traffic. The way is to catch the head of the gang who the strings in some safe fastness abroad, and to this end Scotland Yard will obviously need very closely to co-operate with the Continental police.

But might not the law be amended to help the police and to make the fraud more difficult? As the law stands, marriage before a registrar can be contracted one day after notice, with no other condition than an unsupported declaration that one of the parties has resided in the district for fifteen days, that there is no impediment, and that the necessary consents, "if any," have been obtained. But where an Englishman is proposing to marry a foreign woman, should not some further assurance of good faith be demanded?

Of all forms of contract, marriage is in any circumstances the most vital to social welfare and to the State. It should be protected in any case by some guarantee of seriousness. And now that we have positive proof of this solemn covenant's wholesale exploitation by conspiracy to defeat the laws and cheat the community, it is clear that legal provision should be made to maintain its sacredness and effectiveness.

As Shakespeare says, "It was always yet the trick of our good English nation, if they have a good thing, to make it too common." We assuredly make our marriage laws too common and too cheap when we make them an instrument for protecting foreign thieves and prostitutes.

The Sentence of the Court

LORD HAWKE CAUGHT OUT

"Class Conscious" Cricket

by HARRISON OWEN

CHARGED with "unprofessional conduct," Lord Hawke,. the veteran cricketer, pleaded "Guilty," declaring that, as a life-long amateur, he could not conform to any professional code.

"His lordship has not often been stumped," began Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "but at the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Cricket Club he stepped out of his crease and so finds himself in his present unfamiliar surroundings. The attack he made on Cecil Parkin, because Parkin expressed the opinion that Hobbs would make an excellent captain of the English eleven, was altogether unjustified, and so, too, was his fervent, not to say melodramatic, outburst: 'Pray God no professional will ever captain England.'"

"This kind of thing is apt to leave the impression that, in the eyes of some amateurs, a 'pro' is almost as objectionable as a pro-German—an idea which I know Lord Hawke would be the first to repudiate. The public is becoming a little tired of the attitude adopted by some snobs and nobs toward professional sportsmen, many of whom must accept payment for their services or cut themselves off from the sport they love.

"WHILE we have mixed cricket teams—a team of amateurs only would make a poor showing against Australia—their members should mix on a democratic basis. The system under which a professional is deprived of his initials and has to leave the pavilion for the field by a separate door, has for long been regarded as a survival from the Dark Ages by players and the public overseas, and many sportsmen in this country also think that it is time we cried 'Over' to this form of flannelled foolishness. It is particularly unfortunate that our Hawke should have taken to croaking like a raven just while professionals like Hobbs, Sutcliffe and Hendren were striving so vallantly to save English cricket from once again donning sackcloth without the 'ashes.'"

LORD HAWKE, who carried his love of amateurism to the length of refusing to engage professional counsel, stated that he had no wish to add to or subtract from what he had said, and the jury, after a brief innings, returned to Court with a verdict of "Guilty."

"I think Lord Hawke will agree with me," remarked Mr. Justice Bull cheerfully, "that a bat in the hand is worth two in the belfry." I do not wish to accuse his lordship of harbouring bats other than the willow variety, but I do suggest that he may have been led to speak somewhat more vehemently than he intended. It is difficult to believe that any sportsman can hold the view that if a man of the calibre of Hobbs were to become captain of an English eleven it would be time to prepare for the Day of Judgment.

Sportsmen, who always wish the better team to win, should desire that the best man should win the captaincy and, if possible, the toss. However, I think it will suffice if I order the prisoner to enter into a bond to be of good cheer until next cricket season."

Saints and Sinners

CHECKMATED BY A KING

Two Horsemen of the Apocalypse

by HESKETH PEARSON

THIRTY thousand pounds is, I am told, the sum that Señor Blasco Ibanez received for his book "exposing" the King of Spain. Had the subject of his work not been a King but a king's subject, it would have been worth the money, because his outspokenness might have cost him his life. But a King can't hit back. Nowadays a hit at a monarch is a hit below the belt.

What has the author of the world's "best-seller" to say against his victim? He accuses Alfonso of being cowardly and incompetent as a sovereign and disreputable as a man.

ON the latter point I shall be silent. Chiefly because the private life of a man has nothing whatever to do with his public life—some of the best rulers in history have been vicious in their private lives and some of the worst have been models of domestic propriety. And also because the most pernicious blackguards among us are usually the first to denounce other people's sins.

But it is comforting to reflect that Ibanez is sufficiently convinced of his own virtue to cast so many jagged stones.

OUR blameless author is annoyed with the King for having gone over the heads of his War Department and ordered a general to disregard their orders. In short he is furious with the King for having behaved like a King instead of a stuffed dummy. But apparently it has never occurred to him that the King might conceivably know more about his own War Office than a writer of "best-sellers."

The fact is that Alfonso is a man of real brains and initiative. He has more vitality and ability than half the other rulers put together. But he has too often been in an impossible position.

During one of his stays in this country there was a civil outbreak in Spain. Instantly he told his ministers that he wished to visit the scene of the disturbance. They wrote begging him to stay in England.

BUT he refused; and when warned by a friend over here that he was courting assassination, he replied: "I am their King. If they really want to kill me, I am better out of the way. They can only kill me once."

H.M. King Alfonso.

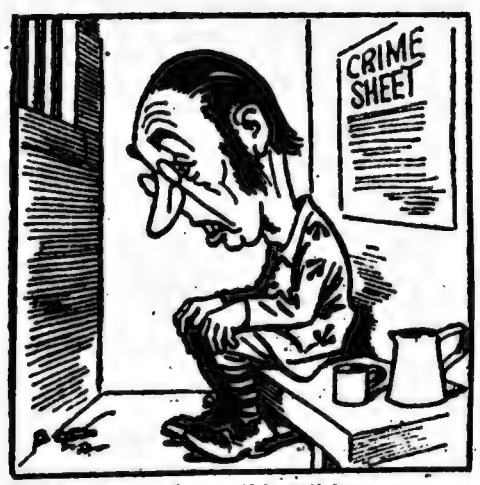
On another occasion there was serious trouble in Barcelona. He journeyed there without delay and found the town bristling with soldiers and police. He sent for the Governor and said that unless every armed man returned to barracks he wouldn't leave the railway station. The Governor expostulated, implored, went on his knees, said it was certain death.

ALFONSO insisted, the order went forth, and the town was emptied of troops. Then, alone, he walked through the main streets. The citizens rallied round him to a man, cheering him to the echo. The revolution was over within an hour. Not bad, I think, for a coward!"

Of course I am not impugning the courage of Señor Ibanez. He is even brave enough to attack his King from the accommodating soil of a foreign land. . . . .

CARTOONETTES and Topical Jingles

by FRANK HOLLAND



What has he done—this guileless one
In convict cell and clothes?
What is his crime? He's "doing time"
For income-tax he owes.

The hungry fly, sore tempted by
The bait before him dangled,
Forgets advice and in a trice
Is in the web entangled.

To catch a bird—we've often heard—
You put salt on its tail;
But such a way with birds of prey
We fear is doomed to fail.

If Neville's wise, before he tries
To do another thing,
He'll put a check around the neck
Of the bandit Builders' Ring.

THE SIN THAT SEARS

ALL over the world women are restless: and in no direction is this shown more alarmingly than in the changed attitude of many modern girls toward irregular love and illegitimate parenthood.

by C. GASQUOINE HARTLEY,
Author of "Women's Wild Oats," etc., etc.

THERE is disruption going on in morals as in every other department of life, and only hypocrites cry "Peace," when there is no peace.

I have just heard of a girl, well treated, well connected, who has had a child and is not married. After two years of caring for the little one herself, she wanted to be rid of the encumbrance," and sought to have her child adopted. That is how I heard of the case.

Now, this girl was curiously without shame. Questioned whether she was married or not married, who was the father of her child, whether there was a "first fall" or not, she defiantly refused to answer—these matters were private and her own concern.

She maintained unflinchingly her right to have had this child or any other children, if she wanted them. That was the all-important thing for her own desire.

Nobody's Child

But what of her child—a golden-haired little chap of about two years—has he no rights? Was it no one's concern that he was deprived of a father and without a name? Whose was the sin which sent him into life labelled a bastard—nobody's child? Nothing could be more vividly condemning than this mother's attitude. Birth is not a private concern and should never be so considered by any girl. Selfish desire cannot silence the mother's duty to the child. I care nothing for this new talk of a woman's right to motherhood, if it leaves her child unfathered.

I have my case book before me. Here is a girl, uncertain among her lovers which was the father of her child. She decided on one who was rich and kind, or, as she told me, "was a softy." Later, she told him, in spite, how she had tricked him. The child was then sent to an orphanage.

Selfish Mothers

Another case. A man seduced the governess of his motherless children. He offered her marriage; she refused, saying she no longer loved him. *She never considered it was wrong to deprive her child of its father.*

Again, her own desire counted, as if that mattered. The child's right to its father's protection is a right independent of the mother's caprice.

For let no one make a mistake. There is a sin of illegitimacy, but the sinner is not the child. It is the parents who have acted illegally. You may speak correctly of illegitimate mothers and fathers brand them if you wish. You should refuse to continue the injustice of calling the child illegitimate.

In our moral muddle-headedness we forget that by penalising the child we cannot escape the penalty being paid by society at large. The unwanted, half-parented child has to fight unimaginable odds. Without doubt illegitimacy is an unreckoned factor in social disintegration—in the character-failure which leads to the streets and the prison andthe ever-increasing hosts of the submerged.

Irresponsible parenthood must always be immoral *and the mother's sin is greater than that of the father.*

You are surprised at this judgment. You cling, perhaps, to the sentimental view that the woman, in all cases, is the victim of the man; a view so flattering to women that, as a woman, I wish it were true. Man the active sinner, woman the passive sufferer!

Lawless Love

The woman passive! Yes, precisely, she often is. But exactly the same may be said of the female spider, when she has spun her web and waits for the mate she will, in the end, devour.

To-day there is an increasingly callous and irresponsible attitude, and an enormously greater amount of lawless love-making. For men are only too ready to take advantage. They follow and accept the girl's standard; they, too, are playing with love.

The girl, the man feels, knows what she is about. He will not force her. Seduction is not so frequent as is often stated. But rarely is the man sufficiently responsible to refuse what the girl so carelessly gives. There is no thought for the future. If a baby is born, it is the girl's concern.

C. Gasquoine Hartley

Women talk much about equal morals for men and women. They would serve morality better if they demanded an equal treatment for all women. The man too frequently honours his own sister, and dishonours the sister of someone else!

All this kind of irresponsible playing with love is detestable—whether on the girl's part or the man's. It bears witness to an insupportable selfishness; the seizing for oneself, without caring who pays.

We are brought back to the truth from which we started. Women are the custodians of manners in love. They lead, men follow. The future rests with them. That is why there is so much danger in these restless, neurotic years, when girls are too excited to be serious.

Play the Game!

"INDUSTRIAL combinations to enforce tyrannical conditions are not moral but unrighteous."

by ANGUS WATSON (*Managing Director: Angus Watson & Co., Ltd.*)

it possible to change the worker's outlook and make him like his work? Is it possible for Capital Labour to shake hands over differences and loyally to pull ther?

ne of the factors acting against ideal is the attitude of a large ber of short-sighted workers, would dawdle through the day's with as little effort as possible, ing out a product which is just enough to hold the job down to enable them to draw their s when the week's task is com-

the other side, there is to be dered the employer, who very is concerned about nothing than getting the work through workmen merely units of ex- in costing-out the final pro- If he only had a little imagina- he would see behind the work- a home, wife and children's es, and all the other problems go to make up his life.

e ideal can be secured by ing the worker to elect his own sentatives to departmental mittees, who will have the power eciding matters dealing with his department and work, and of sending forward from this committee recommendations to the general executive, on which his committee would also be represented.

Mr. Angus Watson

It is, of course, quite easy to sneer at the man who, accepting his week's wages from his employer, is not prepared to do an honest week's work. It must be remembered, however, that the beginning of this point of view was born of altruism.

In the days when periodic unemployment was both common and constant, it was not unnatural that the man in a job should try so to make his work spin out that two men were employed instead of one, and, taking a short view of things, the workman seemed by this policy to be helping his fellow.

The result of slack service is an increase in the cost of the product manufactured, with resulting injury to the ultimate consumer. The baker who, in the bakehouse, works at low pressure, increases the cost of bread not only to himself but to every other consumer of it, so that the whole class that he is supposedly trying to help is injured by the increased cost of living; and this is, of course, true in every other department of industrial life.

The employer must recognise that the item in his balance sheet called "goodwill" is the most important one in connection with his business, and should spare no pains to secure this by "playing the game" with his working staff. Let him tell them when he is pleased with their services, and when the business is making a profit. Let him try to do the decent thing to the man who is absent through sickness, or in temporary difficulties. It will not be forgotten by the other, if the dark days come.

A further means of counteracting any spirit of unrest is some method of profit sharing, whereby the workmen's efforts are not only appreciated for themselves, but are rewarded in a practical manner. Length of continued good service over a long period must be recognised, and while most businesses have their own peculiar problems to overcome, it will be found that a profit sharing arrangement of some kind is possible in nearly every business.

Disputes are often caused by an unwillingness on the part of either the master or the man to see the other's point of view. A devastating engineers' strike five years ago was caused in the first place by a stupid economy made by the directors in a shipyard, which cut off the supplies of hot water that the men had ordinarily had available for their morning tea. To run a factory like a machine is to crush the soul out of it, and a business can no more live without a soul than can its individual owners.

The whole secret of business prosperity—and by this is meant prosperity for employer, employees and the public whom they serve—is to be found in "playing the game" on all sides, and by practising the philosophy of fair play all round.

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LEGAL AIDS to DISHONESTY

THERE are numerous gaps in the present food laws through which dishonest exploitation of the public is possible. New laws are the only remedy, says the writer.

by ALFRED FELLOWS (*Barrister-at-Law*)

IF the Government is really in earnest about pure food, it must introduce legislation to establish statutory standards of purity and general quality. This is necessary, as the Minister of Health is not at present vested with sufficient power to make effective rules as to preservatives and general food purity.

Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to Ministry of Health, whose promised "Clean Food Bill" would deal with the scandal of impure foods.

No new Act will serve its purpose, however, unless it deals with deliberate fraud far more adequately than the present law. To sell rancid or refuse fat as butter, or water at the price of spirits or even as milk, spells a quick fortune for the dishonest. A new statute will be studied very closely indeed by well-paid experts advising those who are prepared to exploit the situation.

It is now permissible to admit evidence of "Custom of trade" to explain the adulteration of certain foods or drugs by some cheap ingredient before sale to the public. Evidence that jam was usually made by the trade with glucose would be admissible as a trade custom, though those who made jam for their own use would never think of doing such a thing.

Another subterfuge is the "warranty." If a retailer produces a warranty of purity from his wholesaler he is acquitted and the matter too often drops without anybody being punished for the fraud. A new law should compel him to prosecute his wholesaler if he is to escape himself, and his acquittal should only be absolute if he can ensure the conviction of the person who caused him to deceive his customers.

Then there are the various defences "on technical grounds" that are allowed to hamper food inspection.

For example, an inspector (who, like the fowler, must not spread his net in the sight of his bird) concealed himself and then took a sample of milk just delivered to a woman at her door. He had not, however, time to run up before she shut it, though she still had the jug in her hand when she opened it again to him.

It was held (with regret) that the sample, though well watered, was not taken "in the course of delivery" since the door was closed, so the retailer escaped.

Another "get out" is provided by the present law which merely stipulates that percentages of adulteration or preservatives in foods, drinks or drugs shall be given publicity in the form of notices on labels or the walls of shops.

The law should require every notice to be in terms approved by the Minister of Health. Thus there could be warnings such as "Unfitted for Invalids," "Unsuitable for infants" (already allowable for skimmed condensed milk under a special statute), "This cream contains a preservative which is a cumulative poison," "This bread is so deprived of nutrition that it will not sustain life," etc.

The other legal aid to dishonesty to which reference can here be made refers to milk. The old Board of Trade standard laying down minimum percentages of fats and solids should be restored. This standard was a low one, but a cow will produce a large volume of even poorer stuff if purposely fed on slushy green food by a farmer selling for bulk and regardless of quality. The Court of Appeal rules that, even if cows were thus waterlogged, the public must take anything they produce as good and merchantable milk however devoid of nutriment. Parliament should over-rule this unfortunate decision.

A new Act should, of course, be enforced uniformly through the kingdom, even if the cost of administration rises in certain districts where the local bodies think more of keeping rates down than a healthy population. For bad food is dear at any price.

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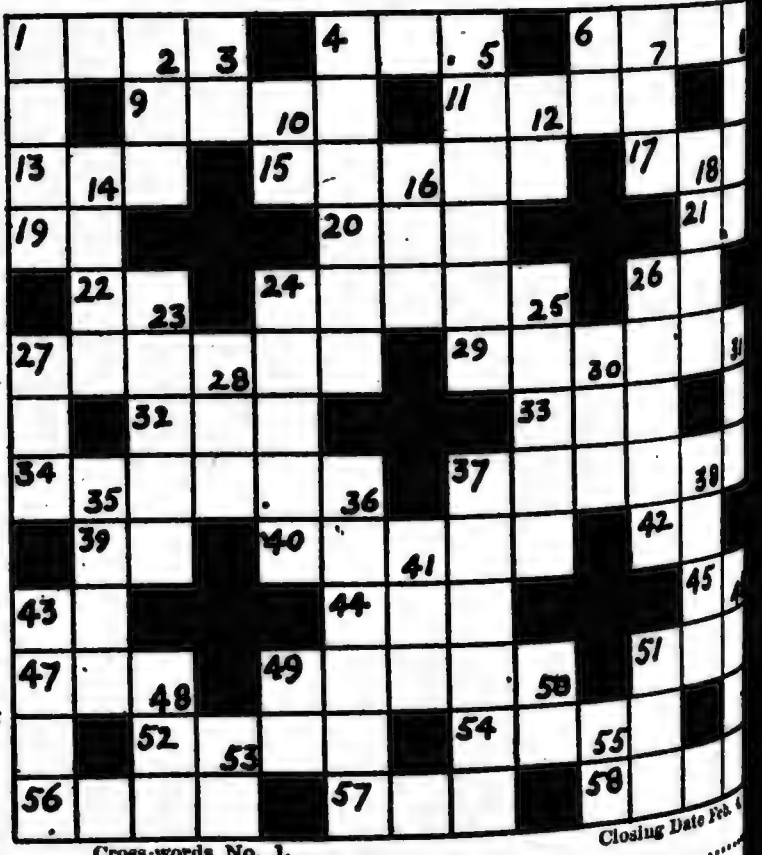
CLUES.

ACROSS.

1. A country in Asia.
4. Rest in seat.
6. Poetical for island.
9. Gather crop.
11. To rave.
13. Custom.
15. Shy.
17. Gives consent.
19. The opposite of 17.
20. Eve's origin.
21. To exist.
22. An act.
24. More expanded.
26. Pound (abbreviated).
27. Declare.
29. Biblical form for "sow."
32. Anger.
33. Ambition.
34. Parsons do this.
37. Found in Theatres.
39. Alternatively.
40. A boat.
42. Point of the compass.
43. Part of the verb "to be."
44. Dread.
45. Got there.
47. A beverage.
49. Laziness.
51. The Fox is this.
52. Lower part of a tree.
54. A jot.
56. Legend.
57. Initials of famous military body.
58. Monster.

DOWN.

1. Woven.
2. (Plural) Being.
3. Not you, certainly.
4. Scotsmen like it.
5. Clans.
6. Within.
7. "One on the eyelid" is nasty.
8. Otherwise
10. In position.
12. Indicate the Christian period.
14. Clods of earth.
16. Central.
18. Flows away.
23. Reed for basket-making.
24. Ruin.
25. A Fresh-water fish.
26. Makes your mouth water.
27. Mountain
28. Long period of time.
30. Smartness.
31. It is.
35. "— was not built in a day."
36. Our greatest blessing.
37. A well-known acid.
38. Genuine
41. A pair.
43. A very small grain.
46. Used by printers.
48. "— thou weary?"
49. Like this.
50. Part of an exclamation.
51. To hang slackly.
53. Cry of pain.
55. Directs.



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I LOST my parents when a tiny child, and was brought up by my grandparents—or, rather, y my grandmother, for I very rely saw my grandfather, his long nd frequent absences from home eing accounted for by business.

"He died in a nursing home, follow- g an operation, when I was seven- en, and I continued to live with y grandmother, although our cir- mstances were somewhat reduced.

"A year ago, when I was twenty- e, my grandmother had a serious ness, and just before she died told me e truth about my grandfather. It pears that the time he was away om home was spent with another oman, by whom he had two chil- en, and to whom he left the bulk of s money. My grandmother had en aware of the state of affairs for any years, but accepted the situa- on and kept her own counsel.

SINCE her death, I have been sharing a flat with a girl end, and have recently made the quaintance of a young man about y own age, to whom I have become ry much attached. We are now gaged. He told me that his parents re dead, and his only sister had ne abroad, so as we are both alone, ere seemed no reason why our rriage should be delayed.

"Quite by accident, however, I ve made the terrible discovery that fiancé is the illegitimate son of grandfather! Humanist, what I to do? Apparently, he is quite aware of the fact that his parents re not legally married. Ought I tell him?

And what is the legal position in ard to our own marriage? I am adfully worried—do please give your help and advice."

Humanist" says: — *Fate has lt you a hard blow. Your fiance is r uncle by half-blood, and, therefore, cannot legally marry him—as come within the prohibited degree elationship. If I were you I should him—no blame attaches to him, it will make your parting easier. ou marry him, your children will llegitimate, and you will have no claim for your support. I don't k that such a risk should be taken. the other hand, if you married, the obability is nobody would know the umstances and no questions might be raised. Still, I have told you the risks are.*

AM young and strong, but unlike most girls I do not have many sures out of life. My father is in ill-health; my mother ung is not very strong— l's one cannot expect her rden to be so when she has brought seven chil- into the world.

I have had a good education— parents have been in better umstances—and I have a good trade in my hands. All my salary goes in the home: I have just my fare—and have to manage with my clothes as best I can. One has to put up with many a hard sneer on account of this from others in the same firm who dress on their money.

"But I know that I am in the right, and it is that that helps me to bear up—though not always. When I feel fed up I think of the children, and I know they would have far less if I did not do my uttermost for them.

"Humanist, do you understand what it is to come home week after week and give up cheerfully and willingly the money of a hard-worked week? It is hard to do so with a smile. I would not let them see what it costs me—but when I am alone it is then I feel the injustice of this world. I know there are others worse off than myself, and I know how ungrateful I am to all the things I should be thankful for—my health and strength."

"Humanist" says:—*You are a good and brave girl. Don't mind the sneers of others: they are—if those others but knew—a tribute to your courage and self-sacrifice. You will get your reward—respect and honour now, and happiness when your burden grows lighter. Don't get faint-hearted: life will do you justice yet.*

Friendship or Duty

"SINCE I retired from the office of police inspector four years ago I have carried on business as a private detective and have specialised in investigating cases leading up to divorce suits.

"Some weeks ago I was approached by a solicitor, whom I had frequently met at police court affairs before I took up my present occupation, and he engaged me to obtain evidence of his wife's infidelity.

"The case was a very simple one, and caused myself and my two assistants very little difficulty, for the woman evidently observes little or no secrecy in her relations with the several men whose association she seeks, and we got evidence in plenty.

"Unfortunately, on the particular evening when we first set ourselves to watch her movements, she had invited to her rooms a young man, many years her junior, who is the son of a magistrate from whom in the past I have received many kindnesses and whom I greatly respect. The young fellow appeared deeply in love with his temporary mistress, and the evidence we obtained about him would give ample grounds for a decree.

"But somehow I cannot bring myself to carry on this case, for if I do, even although I myself keep silent regarding this young man's doings and submit other evidence (which would be easy to obtain), my assistants will be questioned at the divorce court and may disclose all.

"If this does happen, my old friend and benefactor, the magistrate, will have his entire happiness destroyed, for the future and welfare of his only son are his only cares in life."

"Humanist" says:—*You are bound to do your duty to your client—irrespective of any consideration. That is plain honesty. The more confidential the task the greater the need for scrupulous good faith. But if you get better evidence, you can give it to your client. In that case the young man would probably not be named as a co-respondent and, therefore, your assistants would not be questioned about him.*

An Employer's Rights.

"I have been told by my employer that I must learn German or he will have to dismiss me and get a foreign correspondence clerk. Can he do this? Isn't it wrongful dismissal?"

No, if he gives you proper notice. An employer is entitled to adapt his business to circumstances—otherwise he would go out of trade and his employers would all lose their jobs. He is treating you fairly. Take his advice.

A Boy's Dilemma.

"My son, in the Navy, has been blamed for a fault. He has told me about it, but will not say a word lest he give away a colleague. I am a widow and fear he may lose his career."

Write to his captain, in confidence. He will know how to deal with the matter and appreciate your boy's misplaced chivalry. They understand these things in the Service. His career will not suffer from his loyalty to a comrade.

A Youth's Offence.

"My landlady's son borrowed my typewriter to work at night in his office, and has sold it. I don't want to cause trouble and his mother is in tears about it. What should I do?"

Your landlady should compensate you and deduct the amount from the lad's salary. The boy has committed a crime. Wake him up to the seriousness of the offence and teach him a lesson. His future is really in your hands. You have given him a chance; help him to do right.

A Wilful Daughter.

"My twenty-three-year-old daughter, a wilful and very beautiful girl, has got into bad company, and threatens to run away from home if I, her father, interfere. She has got a passport for France. Should I restrain her?"

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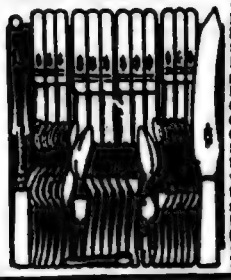

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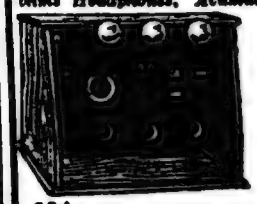

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A STRIKE OF WIVES

The only way with profiteers.

by EMILY JUSON KERR, J.P.

THE great Food Commission sits. It appears to be very good at sitting. But is it showing titude at being good at anything e?

Housewives in every part of the ntry are watching with keenest erest the proceedings at the Board Trade with regard to prices. But Royal Commissions have sat before, they have deliberated on all sorts of vital subjects, and then passed from sight leaving not so much as a ripple on the face of the waters they stirred *en passant*.

mily Juson Kerr, J.P.

his Commission is, however, g so closely watched that it s scarcely possible it dare as others have, in "nothing g."

sitting after sitting takes place, and the Gilbertian atmosphere nsilles, the real problem of "what o to stop profiteering and high s" must increase. At present e is a sort of deadlock. It ers not what representative is cross-examined, or what in- t he represents, it all ends in ame farcical result.

one is making any undue profit. d, we have actually been told "loss is more common than " To the onlooker it really appears that some of the best-looking concerns in the country are being entirely and miraculously built up on their losses!

To the credit of Mrs. Philip Snowden she did, in the early stages, enquire of some of the examinees: "If that is so"—*i.e.*, if you are steadily losing instead of working to a profit—"why do you continue carrying on the business? Is it for philanthropy?"

ONE representative actually suggested that high prices might be providential, as it might teach the working classes "how to be thrifty" if they could not afford to buy all they needed!

And, more important still in this witness's opinion, high prices would help the working classes to learn to appreciate what they had now got.

Unblushingly a further witness asserted that he knew of no single trust or combines connected with the food-supply!

What are we to do in face of statements such as these?

Public opinion, and public suffering, demands more earnestness and sincerity than this. It demands a definite conclusion as the result of the special Royal Commission: an organised plan to sweep away the "go-betweens"—the people who stand between the food-supply and the families who need the food.

In the House of Commons Mr. Baldwin himself has asked whether the long string of intermediaries between producers and consumers could not be eliminated by "direct transactions between Governments."

To put it shortly, public opinion is rapidly rising to boiling-point as it realises more and more that the most common need of all mankind—food—has become the dumping-ground of unscrupulous speculators.

The bulk of Britishers are long-suffering, but as prices rise, and continue to rise in spite of Food Commissioners, women, at least, mean to band together and take drastic action by co-operation. The boycotting of tea and sugar by the Deal "Housewives' Union" proved so singularly successful in 1923-24 that measures are now in hand to enlarge its activities and so touch the pockets of the speculators.

Diminished markets imply diminished profits. It may be that through their pockets we can make an impression when all other appeals to the money-making conscience fails.

MEANWHILE continue to watch closely this Royal Commission. Should it result in no way being found to reorganise our system of purchase and distribution, women, as the principal purchasers of food, must work the "boycott."

Even women whose every day is a continued struggle to make both ends meet have, when combined, a strength they hardly realise. We still may hope that under the able chairmanship of Sir Auckland Geddes the Commission may do something. If not, then women are already organising and will be ready to act.

to Keep Well

It's Worry That Kills

Frayed nerves and torn tempers

by A WIMPOLE STREET PHYSICIAN

NOTHING is more disheartening than to feel ill and worried, and consult a doctor, to be "Above all, don't worry!" asy it is to say, but how diffi- one feels, it is to carry out the . What can the doctor know the worries one has?

all worry unduly. It isn't re want a steam yacht and a quartette. But either the ss isn't progressing and the s being reduced; or the chil- shoes are wearing out too or this pain which we were as neuralgia is perhaps going cancer; or she doesn't love d life isn't worth living; or untry is going to the dogs; or hing or other.

n't the things themselves that matter—it's worrying about hat does the harm. The con- gnawing of worry frays the upsets the temper, and un- s the brain. And the true of it all is a habit of mind, can be cured by training.

artificial life of modern cities, heir deficient sunlight, con- noises, and the strain of the n of transport from home to work and back again, all contribute to upset the nervous system.

The facts which cause worry and suffering cannot be changed; but the attitude of mind with which one meets them can be radically altered. The effects of worry can be withstood by looking facts unflinchingly in the face; we are all too apt to try to sidle round a difficulty instead of standing up to it.

I remember, a good many years ago, calling on a friend of mine, a young man not long established in business, in a strange town, and I was distressed to find him on the point of a real nervous breakdown. He told me there was nothing the matter with him: but I presumed on our old friendship and insisted on getting at the truth.

In spite of all the energy he was putting into it, his business was not flourishing. He was in debt, and had no relatives to help him; his friends were mostly like myself, young men at the beginning of their careers, without capital to spare.

"What's the very worst that can happen?" I asked. "I may have to go bankrupt," he answered dismally. "Well, go bankrupt!" I retorted. "You won't be the first young fellow who's had bad luck to start with. Rufus Isaacs was not originally a success on the Stock Exchange, but he made good."

I went abroad and was unable to see my friend again for some months, and I then found him flourishing. "Do you know," he told me, "I never looked back after that talk we had. I had been worried to death, but that was the first time I'd summoned up courage to look my troubles in the face. I felt a different man afterwards."

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The Spring Double: Wait

The Policy that Pays—A Rabbit at Large—"Steve" as an Owner—

I THINK I am one of the few racing journalists who, so far, have not endeavoured to forecast the result of the Spring Double.

I have not done so for the simple reason that until the weights and acceptances appear the odds against finding the peas are somewhere in the neighbourhood of 10,000 to 1.

Doubles can be found, but not at these prohibitive odds, unless a pin is the medium for solving the riddle. I intend to wait for the weights and the acceptances.

Nobody Gave the Double Last Year.

Not one solitary newspaper gave the winning double last year, nor the year before. Money is just as tight nowadays, so why throw it away until there is something concrete upon which to work?

During the past fortnight a large number of readers have asked me for my opinion. I have sent them Jarvie and Mr. Bliss for the Lincoln, and Conjuror II. for the Aintree event, but these are purely fancies. I shall know more about stable intentions and stable hopes later on.

A Rabbit—Not a Racehorse.

Rabbit II, one of the unknown quantities for the National, came out of his burrow to run at Leicester. He did not complete the course, and can be washed out as a candidate for Aintree. The gelding has been referred to as a mystery horse. The mystery is: why was he entered for the world's greatest race?

"Steve" as an Owner?

For the coming season Steve Donoghue has booked the service of Kefalin, the horse on which he won the Grand Prix de Paris and now a stallion in England, for an unnamed mare. I wonder if this is a case of coming events casting a shadow before? I do not know when Steve is to leave the saddle, but it is quite likely that he will identify himself with the Turf in another way.

French Views on our Derby Horses.

I had a chat the other day with several of the well-known French racing men who recently toured our training centres seeing all they could of our best. From what I gather they are taking back to France a poor opinion of our Classic hopes. They say Picaroon is not the great horse he is made out to be, and that Saucy Sue may not come up to expectations. Of Diomedes, who is being sent to France to take on their best in such races as are open, they are scornful, and altogether think their three-year-olds are a cut above ours. Of that we shall see and know more later, but in the meantime it is interesting to note that the visitors agree with the Newmarket view that Solario will prove to be our best.

A Note for Newbury.

On Friday and Saturday this week there is a two-day fixture at Newbury. Mr. O. W. Rayner, who is a member of the executive, likes to win on the Berkshire course, and it will probably pay to follow his colours. Guidance—10 to 1—did his stable a good turn at the last meeting.

The above paragraph appeared in "John Bull" dated January 17. Mr. O. W. Rayner ran one horse at Newbury, Royal Archer. The four-year-old won the Berkshire Hurdle Race at 10) to 7.

An Act of Mercy.

The French are a peculiar race. Those punters who have been guilty of the terrible offence of making bets with bookmakers in France during the past season can breathe freely, because an act of amnesty, passed by the Chamber at the instance of the President, decrees that offences of this sort committed before November 12 last are to be included in the amnesty.

No Wonder they Lost.

Toot Toot made her first appearance of the year at Leicester in a novices' chase. She had not sufficient puff-puff to catch Rossieny, who won by four lengths. However, I think it will pay to follow this atrociously named mare next time out. Whose Izzy was another poor beast at the same meeting. Where do owners find 'em? I am not going to say anything about Tutankhamen, because he won for the code selections at 8 to 1, but every day I expect to see the entry in Crossword!

The Boy Steeplechase Jockey.

W. Payne, senior, has entered Prud'homme for the great race at Liverpool, and his son, the fourteen-year-old boy, badly wants the mount. I was at Gatwick recently when young Payne made his first appearance in pigskin on the back of South Lodge. His mount finished second to Arduous, and the youngster received a fine ovation as he entered the unsaddling enclosure. However, Gatwick is not Aintree, and, personally, I do not think he ought to endeavour to clear the Liverpool country—he has plenty of time for that in years to come. The National is a killing race, and more often than not the jockeys are stone cold before the race is half run. That is my opinion, but if the boy gets the mount good luck to him. He will be on the back of a horse who has won over three miles with Alcazar, Conjuror II and Arravale in the rear.

Young Willie Payne.

More Nursery Rhymes Revised.

Bye, Baby Bunting
Daddy's gone a-hunting.
There'll be a row if he don't win,
He's broken baby's cash-box in!

Mary had a little horse
That ev'ryone admired.
It ran, as fav'rite, down the course,
And finished very tired.
But when the price was thirty-three
The bookies got a jar,
For Mary's horse romped home with ease—
Now Mary has a car!

FORECASTS FOR FEBRUARY 7.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.
HOME WINNERS.
*Birmingham, Blackburn R., *Bolton, Liverpool, *Newcastle U., *Sheffield U., *Spurs, *West Bromwich A., *West Ham.
AWAY WINNER.—*Sunderland.
DRAW.—*Huddersfield v. Aston Villa.
THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.
HOME WINNERS.
*Blackpool, *Bradford C., *Chelsea, *Derby C., Hull C., *Leicester C., *Manchester U., Stoke.
DRAWS.
*Portsmouth v. Fulham, South Shields v. Port Vale, *Stockport v. Palace.
THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Southern).
HOME WINNERS.
Merthyr, *Millwall, Newport, Reading, *Swansea.
AWAY WINNERS.
Plymouth A., Southend, *Bristol C.
DRAWS.
*Brentford v. Norwich C., *Exeter v. Watford, *Luton v. Swindon.
THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Northern).
HOME WINNERS.
Ashington, *Barrow, *Darlington, *Doncaster R., *Grimsby, *Nelson, *New Brighton, *Rochdale, *Southport.
DRAWS.
*Durham v. Bradford, Hartlepools v. Chesterfield.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
[Fixtures in this league are omitted because of the Second Round of the Scottish Cup, the ties in which had not been drawn as we went to press, and which are to be played on the above date.
[For coupon purposes, nap selections are marked with an asterisk.]

Farcical Trial

AFTER the Stamford Bridge upset, the Football Association had better consider whether it is worth while arranging trial matches with the object of arriving at the best eleven for the international games.

What happened was that half the players didn't seem to care whether they kicked the ball or not, with the result that the keener, not the better, side won.

The only men in the game who were all out were those with the lesser reputations, and that is why they were a bigger success than the players who were bored to tears with the whole business.

Why Monday Matches?

The pros. themselves don't believe in these games. They argue that the surest way to get the best national team is for the F.A. Selection Committee to rely on weekly form.

In League games players are at full stretch—they have to be—and generally are trying to do their best, and so their normal form is easy to arrive at.

In trial games those who have before been "capped" look upon them as something unnecessary, and they expend no more than the minimum amount of energy.

Further, why should "trials" always be held on a Monday, forty-eight hours after all the players have had a hard game, and several have also had a long journey? Like everybody else, footballers have the Mondayish feeling, and, what is more, they are a bit stiff.

All Friends.

I should be interested to see what the English eleven would be were it picked by half a dozen of the leading professionals or by the Players' Union.

I am pretty sure it would be as near the best we could get, especially as there would be no jealousy in the selection of it.

And if the pros. had to pick England's centre-half, a position which has never been properly filled on many recent occasions, you can take it from me that their choice would be unanimous, and not that of the F.A. either.

Osborne Should Play.

Apart from Walker, who is an automatic choice if he is fit again by then, the only one of the twenty-two players who appeared at Stamford Bridge who is certain to be in the English team to play Wales is Osborne, the Spurs' outside right.

for the Weights

The Caustic French—The Boy Steeplechaser

urious Handicapping.

I wonder how many punters profited the curious handicapping of Wild mes and Cylvida at Leicester and Ling-ld:

Leicester: Cylvida, 12.8.
Wild Times, 11.5.

Lingfield: Wild Times, 12.6.
Cylvida, 11.7.

Cylvida was scratched at Leicester. ld Times won. Wild Times gave the gfield engagement the go-by. lvida won. I tipped the latter in N BULL.

PADDOCK PARS.

ow the fortunes of Frank Hartigan at ton this week-end. The Thames-side se is one of his happy hunting grounds.

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ack Anthony, who was thirty-five last k, rode Holdcroft on his birthday. The appeared to be a "gift" for the 11 to 4 on nce, but he played his jockey false.

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Dale's sea-water cures for horses with y legs are becoming notorious. Philter, ched-up and rejuvenated, won for him at nfield at 10 to 1. Dale's derelicts pay to ow.

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ylvida has now captured his fourth cessive victory. He changed hands for 0 guineas after his last success.

MPERS TO FOLLOW

Conjuror II.—Last year's Grand tional favourite gave a fine exhibition jumping at Leicester, but was not len for speed. Hastings, who has ady four Nationals to his credit, is ng the son of Garb Or a fine pre-ation for the big event at Aintree.

Dark David.—I think that Dark vid would have beaten the 20 to 1 , The Ock, at Newbury, but for ndering at the last hurdle. The six-r-old is a Tetrarch horse and is certain core before long.

ilaris.—If you backed this "rookie" Newbury back him again. You will lose over the two transactions.

ancing.—The first time the handi-per treats Mr. Savill's gelding leniently five-year-old will pick up a long-ance race. The son of Cylba is one of biggest hurdlers in training and should llowed from now on.

outhover.—Do not overlook the ndid fight Southover put up against y Eyes at Hurst Park. Duller's superior jockeyship snatched the race by the shortest of short heads. Southover is good for a two-miler in the near future.

Tibet.—I suggested in these notes that Tibet be backed each way whenever seen out. He popped up third as Leicester at 100 to 7. He will turn up first at a similar price before long.

Sewing Machine.—I do not think the son of Florist is in love with racing, but he had the Glen Selling Hurdle race at Leicester well won when he blundered the final fence. He is worth one more chance in a similar event.

SILVER RING.

THIS WEEK'S SELECTIONS

Plumpton, Wednesday,
TIBET (E.W.) ADALEW.
Plumpton, Thursday.
AZIMUTH, COLYMBUS.
Kempton Park, Friday,
HONG KONG. UP GARRYOWEN.
Kempton Park, Saturday,
SOUTHOVER, MIXED DOUBLE.

A Correction.

In last week's issue of JOHN BULL the address of the well-known commission agents, David Cope and Alfred H. Maurice, was given as 52, North Albion Street, Glasgow, instead of 25. This was due to a printer's error.

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This code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from January 28 to February 8.

Matches

Leave the Selection of Internationals to the Players!

borne, in his brief career, has had his and downs, and when he promised to op into the best of the post-war e-forwards, he got bashed about so that he was moved to the wing, e he has been more able to dodge ments whose aim has been to lay him

borne has one big asset which should scape the selectors, and that is he ot the temperament for big matches. is much more than can be said of who, for some obscure reason or have been capped.

Done, Darlington.

ust congratulate Darlington on their y efforts to get into the second of the Cup.

as no mean feat for a Third Division to stand up to such a powerful ination as Cardiff City for five hours, know the Welshmen didn't greatly their chance in the second replay. l, it is as well that Darlington have knocked out. They have got enough y from the three gates to improve financial position, and the club not now have to part with two or men who have been sought after ore than one club.

What is more important still, Darlington are in the position to concentrate on promotion, and, so far as I can see, they ought to be in the Second Division next season. They certainly are one of the teams of the season.

With so many teams still in the Cup—the ties I have already dealt with—the League features this week-end are severely cut down. The only First Division game is that at Huddersfield, where the present champions will be keen to get a bit of their reputation back, following that Cup defeat at Bolton and the loss of two home points to West Ham.

Still, Huddersfield are likely to recover quickly enough, and they have not yet lost their chance of retaining the championship, especially as their chief rivals are worrying more about the Cup than League points.

None of the leaders in Division II. is engaged, but there is the usual full programme in Scotland. The Rangers still keep that useful lead over Airdrieonians, and both will be all out to win their away games with Hamilton and Queen's Park, although that point that the amateurs picked up at Ibrox Park ought to stir them to similar deeds.

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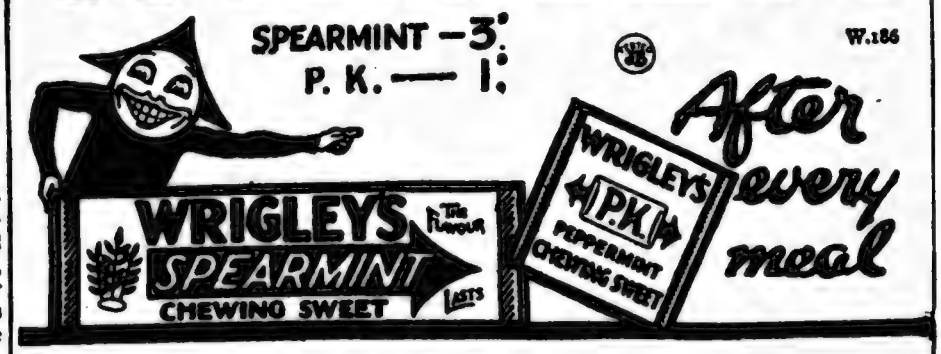

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Anti-Family Facts

Basil Tozer in his article, "The Baby Crime," condemns the poor fellows with large families by saying that much of their misery is the direct outcome of their own thoughtlessness and recklessness. Surely this is not the case. The whole root of the evil rests in the fact that these poor people lack the proper knowledge of "birth control," otherwise there would be none of these "unnecessary" large families.—*A Regular Reader, Retford.*

Spirit of Materialism

Mr. Basil Tozer says that when he ventured to warn poor parents of the folly of them having children they looked astonished. There are more nervous wrecks amongst mothers who practise birth control methods than there are amongst the mothers who prefer babies. Mr. Tozer's article is written in the spirit of the material age in which we live. I would commend him to the words of his Creator, "Suffer little children to come unto Me."—*L. M. M., Aberdeen.*

Miracles of Marriage

I think some men mistake their wives for breeding animals—just to satisfy their own lusts with no thought for the terrible suffering the mother has to undergo. There is no thought for the innocent child brought into a world where evidently there is neither room nor food for it, and then the clergy say "God sends the children" as an excuse for human selfishness. If men and women would only practise self-control, if not birth control, much sorrow, suffering, both for themselves and the future race would be avoided.—*B. Budrey, Wellesbourne.*

No Need for Control

We are told that birth control is necessary, because England is overpopulated. Seeing, however, that this country could grow and produce sufficient food for its entire population, such overpopulation does not exist, but only proves that the land which holds the source of food development is in the hands of those who will not allow its use for this fundamental purpose. Let us have the land which is the people's heritage, and the question of birth control, together with many other controversial problems, will cease to exist.—"*Tolstoy*," *London, N.2.*

Mass Production

I quite agree with Mr. Basil Tozer's article that in a number of cases the parents are at fault, particularly the father, who to a certain extent should restrain himself. I am a married man and have been so for twelve years. I have two children, a boy and a girl. I think you will agree that if all fathers exercise a little self-control there would be no need for birth control as, in my opinion, it is the man that is to blame. What right has he to practise "mass production" when he is unable to provide for it?—"*Happily Married*" *Barrow.*

National Liability

Basil Tozer's article is an indictment against prevailing conditions. The poorer the parents, the more the progeny. And who shall say 'tis wrong? My personal opinion is that there should be something in the nature of a State subsidy for people earning under a certain wage who propagate families to such an extent that they are unable to provide for them. Thirty shillings maternity benefit is of little use.—*Mrs. H. P., Goole.*

Lost Opportunities

I think that every married couple should have two children before practising birth control methods, as many who are desirous of having a family, but delay for many reasons, often regret that the opportunity has passed. However, those who cry "God will provide" when announcing the coming arrival of a sixth or seventh into poverty and squalor, should also remember that "God helps those who help themselves," and a little self-denial regarding sex-relations would help them a great deal better to provide for a smaller family.—"*Commonsense*," *Leith.*

Wife or Servant?

Among social needs of to-day there is none greater than that men should be compelled to observe their altar-vow to love, honour, and cherish their wives. Selfishness on the part of the man is largely responsible for the unhappiness which wrecks the home where a wife is less her husband's mate than merely his housekeeper kept to bear upon her shoulders the burdens of the family. Marriages are largely spoilt because too many men are not the social good fellows in their homes they are in their clubs.—"*Lena*," *Manchester.*

"New Peril to Women"

"No woman should go up and down Regent Street or Piccadilly alone!" Surely it is the right of every decent woman to walk up or down any street she chooses—and at any hour—without being liable to be taken into custody and detained until the necessary proof is forthcoming that she is a respectable and law-abiding citizen. "Dangle" in his article does not suggest a remedy. Why not urge the following: That all known prostitutes be registered and made to reside in a certain area. This is the practice on the Continent and also in the East.—*H. T. O., Bridgnorth.*

Printers' Pie

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"THE MASCOT":—"Beatrix Renton gave a rapid look round the CROWDED room. They were practically ALONE."

"YORKSHIRE EVENING NEWS":—"BOWING her head she LOOKED listlessly ABOUT HER."

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"EVERY GIRL'S PAPER":—"Just for a moment their eyes met: she TURNED DEATHLY WHITE and CRIMSONED to her forehead."

"IDEAS":—"Tufts of light brown hair peeped shyly from BENEATH her HIDDEN ears."

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Domes or Doles?

Why is it that so many voices are crying out about the danger of St. Paul's dome, and urging that public subscriptions be made in order to safeguard this mass of bricks and mortar? What thinking of that great mass of humanity which is broken and bent under the stress of economic conditions, it seems that something done to sustain the flesh and blood element of our great city would be more to the point. St. Paul's may not crash, but hundreds of ex-Service men and others will.—"*Ex-Officer*," *Highgate.*

"The Great Bread Ramp"

As master bakers we can confirm your statements in the article, "The Great Bread Ramp." With flour at its present price it is, as you say, possible to secure a very generous profit. As your arguments were based on the bulk-contents and not the weight, of a sack, the case is not affected by your suggestion that a sack contains one hundredweight. This is an obvious slip of the pen as it is well known that a sack weighs 280 lbs., but this does not detract at all from your argument that a sack of flour that costs fifty-five shillings can produce ninety-six quartern loaves.—*B. & C., London, E.C.*

Pity the Poor Baker

Let me say at once that as a baker that there are like myself hundreds of others in the provinces who are doing anything from eight to twelve or fifteen sacks of flour (280 lb.) per week who have yet to know how to make their fortunes as it is you seem to suggest. A sack of flour costs 55s. Out of that the average quantity is 90 quartern (not 93 or 96) loaves. I have yet to find an "improver" that will make 103 quartern. Thus you get at 10d. 75s. which leaves you 20s. per sack. It seems to me that it is about time someone took up the cudgels on behalf of the baking trade.—*C. H. S., Farnham.*

Heavenly Russia

The article on Russia by "A Gentleman with a Duster" should be read in conjunction with the article in the same issue by Mr. John Wheatley. In our country all workers have to engage in a trade or profession and stick to it for the rest of their lives. In Russia the position appears to be similar, but with this difference—the Russian worker is well better housed, better clothed, and better cared for as regards rest and holidays than many of our own. "Duster" has omitted to tell us this last item, but it is a part of the hushed up truth about Russia.—*R. S., S.W.3.*

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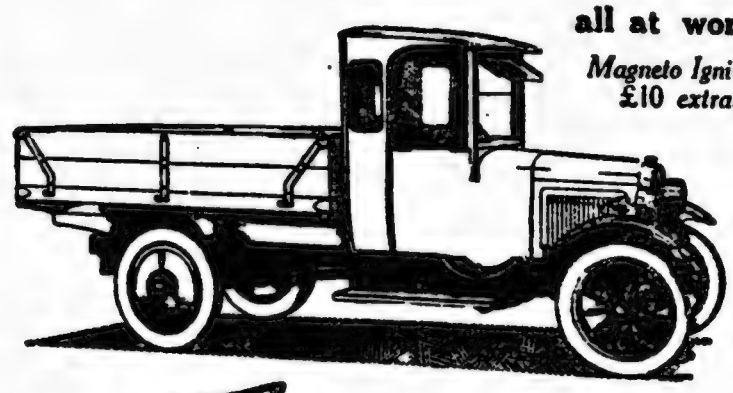

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THE Editor may be flippant on this page but his humour is kindly and never malicious, and he wants you to see it in this light. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note and take his leave with a smile. Serious questions are handled by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service. See note at top of last column this page.

J. D. (Wigan).—"After all, what is money?" What we are all after.

M. K. T. (Clapham).—"My husband always pays half the butcher's bill." A *joint* account, so to speak.

P. R. (Bailleston).—"It is my ambition to mix with the heads." Then why don't you become a hairdresser?

G. L. S. (Eltham).—"I'll bet you'll laugh at this joke." No, sir! We have too much respect for old age.

B. L. (Dewsbury).—"I claim to have second sight." Then you should take more water with it.

H. K. (Lester).—"I have had a course of massage, but can't get my weight down." Truth is stronger than friction.

P. T. A. (Bethnal Green).—"What is it that makes the world go round?" Read the label and see.

P. M. W. (Teddington).—"My dentist is a gentleman." And, we trust, a gentleman of good extraction.

K. A. (Golders Green).—"The house I bought is not to be sneezed at." Why not? Foundations shaky?

P. S. (Manchester).—"I lost a lot of money last year. Can you guess how?" You bet!

D. J. (Bermondsey).—"Sometimes my wife sits and thinks of nothing at all." You should be glad to be in her thoughts.

H. J. (Liverpool).—"I am enclosing an original joke." We remember nearly falling out of the dress circle while laughing at it at our first pantomime.

L. L. (Southend).—"Were apples and figs the only fruit in the Garden of Eden?" Well, there was a very green pair.

A. H. T. (Paisley).—"My wife is often surprised at my knowledge of different subjects." Isn't it remarkable how little it takes to surprise some people?

K. W. (Southampton).—"We all have our own ideas. They are many ways to live." But the trouble with most folk is to find the means.

C. E. (Belfast).—"Even Casabianca who stood on the burning deck knew what fear was." Still, we'll bet he didn't get cold feet.

C. W. S. (Ashford).—"Pantomime is not what it was only a few years ago." Still, most of the jokes don't seem to have altered much.

P. H. K. (Egham).—"Why is the English language known as the mother-tongue?" Because father is not allowed to use it much.

P. U. Y. (Tonbridge).—"I heard somebody say the other day that I was the most intelligent man in the street." You should get out of that habit of [illegible] yourself.

H. F. (Hackney).—"Gossip in our street is infectious." Sort of rumourtism.

P. B. V. (Cardiff).—"I can't make money last." Some people can't make it first.

T. H. (Richmond).—"I don't know which way to turn." Go straight.

R. D. (Chester).—"I have seen better days." Probably, but we haven't time to discuss the weather just now.

P. D. (Hampstead).—"I am open to conviction." Cheer up. You may get off.

F. H. (Vauxhall).—"It's been very foggy here." We thought so. Your letter is very obscure.

A. E. (Grimsby).—"The sun is a real friend to man." Here's to absent friends!

C. C. (Battersea).—"I'm afraid some of my arguments are rather weak." Never mind; they were wrapped up in good strong language.

R. A. (Hampstead).—"I am a civil servant and love to sit in front of my own fire in the evening and just think." A little relaxation in the evening is certainly very soothing.

"CONTENT" (Greenford).—"Most of my time is spent in polishing brass and cutlery, but I don't complain." Good! You believe in looking on the bright side of things.

P. B. (Leeds).—"The way men go on paying expenses when they take women out is simply a farce." And one, moreover, which makes the women laugh at the expense of the men.

A. H. (Northfield).—"When my children are naughty, I always reason the matter out with them." Most parents are, we believe, firmly of opinion that such matters should be thrashed out.

A. C. S. (Bridlington).—"I see things every day to which respectable people would once have closed their eyes." Then why don't you turn respectable, and close yours?

L. P. W. (Hillingdon).—"At a dance I attended recently, the gas suddenly failed." Due, perhaps, to the therms, tempted by the catchy music, leaving the meter and fox-trotting along the pipes.

D. R. (Newcastle).—"My brain is my capital." Another bankrupt!

A. de F. (Liverpool).—"He called me a swine." The pig!

T. B. (Stoke).—"I once allowed myself to be hypnotised." We also have a wife.

G. B. (Hendon).—"All policemen seem to be able to dance." The cat burglars, however, don't bother about steps.

M. C. (Chelsea).—"We went round together for some time." Got jammed in one of those revolving doors, we suppose?

G. J. (London, E.).—"My landlord is a repairing tailor." Just the man to reduce a rent.

W. H. (Lewisham).—"I had a serious quarrel with my uncle last night." Did you lose the ticket?

R. S. (Bristol).—"The doctor's just paid me a visit." And we bet the visit's paid the doctor.

T. D. (Southampton).—"I have money behind me." Whereas we have given up carrying our wallet in our hip pocket.

Y. R. (Leeds).—"I do not pretend to have any sense of humour." Why "of humour"?

R. V. (Paisley).—"Everything I touch turns to money." Don't be too sure. Just try touching us, for instance.

G. D. (Warmley).—"Money is certainly the root of all evil." Which explains, of course, why it is so difficult to get at.

M. E. (Bristol).—"Sending you a photo of myself, though it really doesn't do me justice." If it's really like you what you need isn't so much justice as mercy.

P. J. D. (Midford).—"There are too many Society actresses on the stage." We agree. They forget that to a poor professional a small role means bread-and-butter.

G. H. (Richmond).—"At a recent concert I attended, the pianist was wheeled to the piano in a bath chair." If some pianists had their deserts they would be wheeled *away* from the piano in a bath chair.

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T. P. R. (Cressford).—"You do ask a great deal of the Government." A fair deal, we admit.

P. N. (Hull).—"One can't do one's best every day." True. But one can avoid doing one's worst.

V. B. (Dover).—"I have no time for law-breaker." Fortunately, our judges have.

G. N. (Hammer).—"He often goes to sleep with his hat on." He should wear a wide-awake.

P. N. (London, S.W.).—"My butcher give me 1¼ oz. short." You should point out the error of his weighs.

G. N. (Hornsey).—"A rent-collector is not popular." Still, he's often asked to call again another day.

L. C. B. (Rye).—"Soon, we shall have cheap American aeroplanes." Then there *will* be bolts from the blue.

G. R. (Darlington).—"I'm best off." Emphatically. We thought you were never going to be!

"EXPERT" (Manchester).—"A very graceful dancer should keep slim, and study balance." In fact, poise and avoirdupois.

G. N. (Hackney).—"I enclose a new Ford story." It *was* new, doubtless, when little Henry lisped it from his perambulator.

H. J. D. (Mortlake).—"How many bottles of whisky go to the case?" One is enough sometimes, if it's a police-court case.

P. T. (Twickenham).—"I take my wife everywhere with me on my motor-bike. Have you got the regulation silencer as well?

W. L. (Hamilton).—"Is it right that this policeman should play in the orchestra?" Why not? He's still looking after his beat anyhow.

T. W. (Rotherham).—"Young women like to have things hanging round their necks." Particularly if they're things in trousers.

J. P. D. (Norbury).—"Commercially it is the middle-class who are, and always have been, in the van." To our mind great many of them are in the cart.

F. H. S. (Holborn).—"I got a bagpipe selection from Glasgow on my crystal set the other night." If that doesn't discourage you, nothing will.

B. L. D. (Willesden).—"I still have my old army boots." They'll come in handy as ammunition if anybody marries your best girl.

K. K. (Taplow).—"Many girls suffer agonies through foolishly wearing shoes too tight for them." The smaller the shoe the larger the sighs.

S. V. (Barmouth).—"Being a novice, I would like to know the most dangerous part of a motor-car." When you take the car out, it is probably the driver.

C. B. N. (Crowborough).—"I can do the work of every other man in my office." That's not the point. Can you do your own?

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Ben Travers, noted author of several humorous novels, continues his series of Fairy Tale burlesques in his joyous manner; W. A. Sweeney has a tale to tell that is well worth the telling; and that famous journalist "A.G.G." puts forward a plea for politeness and suggests that there should be a decoration for courtesy.

Nor is this all. A. A. Thomson is there with a funny Huckabee story; Gilbert Wilkinson, Leo. Cheney, Peter Fraser, A. T. Smith, Leslie Marchant, A. C. Barrett, George Dixon and Heath Robinson contribute sketches; and there is an intriguing Cross Word Puzzle.

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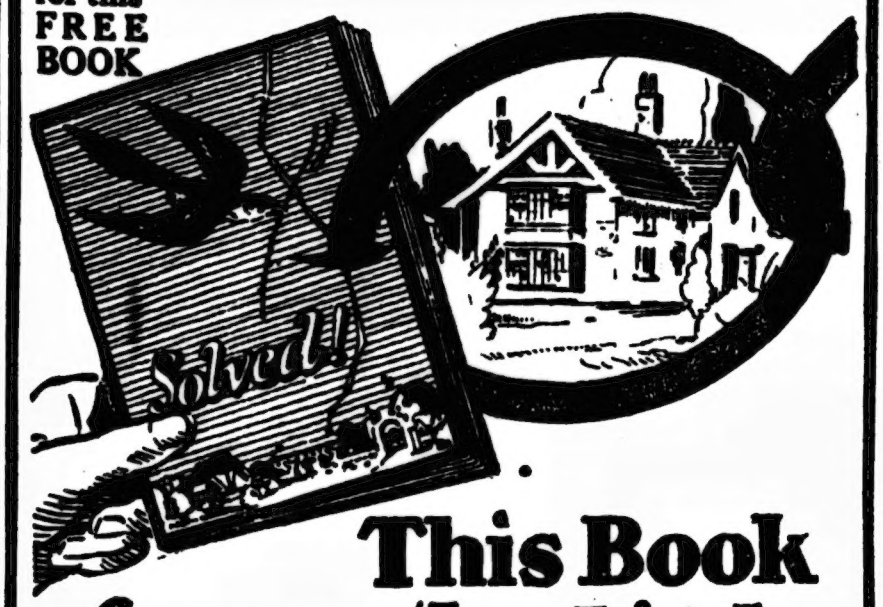

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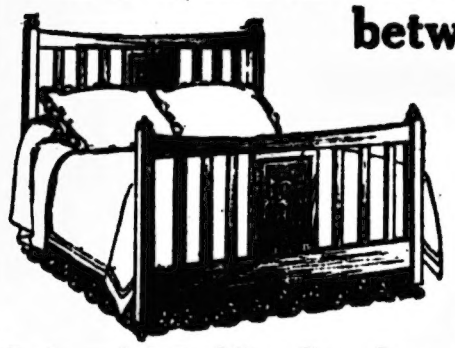

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The home that was once so happy was broken up, and the poor fellow, who has nothing but unemployment benefit of 22s. a week, is living in a single furnished room for which 10s. a week rent is charged.

He is reduced to rags himself, and the children are badly in need of clothes.

He struggles on, sacrificing his own needs for the sake of his motherless little ones, and appeals to us for help, fearing lest the boys, who are at once the burden and the consolation of his lonely existence, should be taken from him. Who could resist such an appeal?

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(Many acknowledgments unavoidably held over).

"BULLETS" Prize-winners of £1—(*Continued from page* 31)

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"BULLETS" RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.

2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. All four coupons may be used and a postal order enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of, which must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.

5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

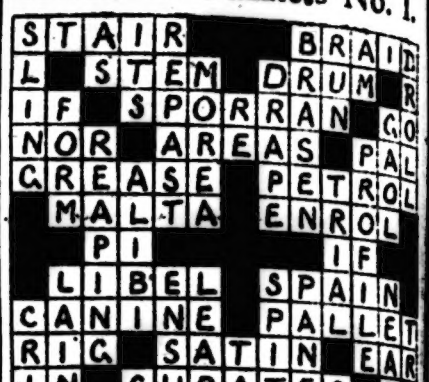
Employees of Odhams Press are not eligible to compete.

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 552.

WHILE PARLIAMENT SITS—MODERN MIRACLE—WHAT HUSBAND MEANS—GOOD MONEY—HOW TO BEHAVE—LEFT OUTSIDE—WHEN SHE SINGS—ROCKING—FOUND OUT LATER—WHAT THE DOCTOR SAID—UNPAID—AFTER A FASHION—IN SCHOOL—NOT FOR LONG—WRONG WORD—IN MY GARDEN—WIRELESS CONCERT—HER BEST FRIEND—RASH ACT—WHAT IS A LOVER?

These Examples can be made use of on the coupons on page 31, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19.** All coupons so used **MUST** be marked clearly with the number **552** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 552, JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such coupons must not contain any of the Examples for Competition No. 551.

Result of Puzzlets No. 1.



The correct solution.

FIRST PRIZE OF £50.

MRS. B. GRIMES, 92, Palmerston Road, Boscombe, Hants.

Phrase:—BOY ENJOYS LICKING INSIDE LARDER.

Word chosen:—LIBEL.

SECOND PRIZE OF £25.

MR. A. T. CAMPBELL, 6, Aberdeen Street, Whitworth Park, Manchester.

Phrase:—GENEROSITY PAYS—EVEN IF RESULTS APPEAR NEGATIVE.

Word Chosen: READING.

THIRD PRIZE OF £10.

MISS MARY MCCLURE, Wrangthorn School, Hyde Park, Leeds.

Phrase:—AUNTIE LOVES PANTOMIME—NEPHEW SUPPLIES EXCUSE.

Word chosen:—PANELS.

FOURTH PRIZE OF £5.

MR. WILLIAM J. BISHOP, 6, Peel Street, West Bromwich.

Phrase:—LOGIC IS LOQUACITY'S BIGGEST ENEMY.

Word chosen:—LIBEL.

Complete list of all other prizewinners in the above competition can be seen at these offices.

A new Cross-word Puzzle is to be found on page 20.

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RESULT OF "BULLETS" No. 548.

FIRST PRIZE OF £500:
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Selsea Villa, Kingstone, nr. Hereford.
Example:—WHAT SHE BELIEVES
Bullet:—PIECE, SHE'S MASTERED, MASTERPIECE.

SECOND PRIZE OF £100:
F. E. LITTER, 2, Beaumont Avenue, Wellsted Street, Hull.
Example:—SCIENCE
Bullet:—PROFESSOR SMITH NOW SMITHEREENS.

THIRD PRIZE OF £50:
H. BUTLER, 11, Holly Hedge Road, West Bromwich.
Example:—SONNY'S FUTURE
Bullet:—"BULL" AS SAVINGS "DEMOLISHED."

FOURTH PRIZE OF £25:
L. ALLESONE, 2, Hartley Road, Foleshill, Coventry.
Example:—WHAT IS MARRIAGE?
Bullet:—PUNISHMENT FOR TELLING LIES.

FIFTH PRIZE OF £10:
J. TROWARD, 123, Burlingham Road, Fulham, S.W.
Example:—SIGN OF THE TIMES
Bullet:—"BUSINESS EXTENSION"—PLAYING FIELD.

10 Prizes of £5 each:
H. N. BOWDEN, 132, Portsmouth Road, Woolston, Southampton.
SIGN OF THE TIMES—OVERTAXED PEER'S UNDERTAPPED PALACE.
BRADSHAW, 83, Albert Avenue, Prestwich, Manchester.
DANGEROUS—IF WOMEN POLICE ARMED.
BROOK, 11, Fishergate Hill, Preston.
REAL LIFE—"HANDSOME PRINCE" DOESN'T MARRY.
J. BURKE, 8, Bath Road, Cheltenham.
BABY—USUALLY SLUM CHILD'S "DOLL."
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)
J. BURROWS, The Cross, Linlithgow.
KEY FOR JAM—EXPLAINS PROFITEER'S "STRAWBERRY LEAVES."
COXON, 80, Rodsley Avenue, Gateshead.
REAL LIFE—FAILURE SYSTEMATIC—SUCCESS. CAREERLESS.
DAWSON, 2, Westbourne Square, London, W.
TAT FOR TAT—VOLUBLE ASSISTANT, SHINGLING DEPARTMENT.
J. EARL, Napper's Cottage, High Street, Sutton, Surrey.
SIGN OF THE TIMES—"SOLLY" IN OUR ALLEY.
(Entered on "Target" Prize Coupon.)
DYSHEW, 141, Guildford Street, Grimsby.
THE SALLS—"CARRY YOUR 'USBAND, MUM?"
E. WARD, 81, Dyers Hall Road, Leytonstone, E.
SON'S FUTURE—HELPING MOTHER—DAUGHTERS WORKING.

9 Prizes of £2 10s. each:
J. DIXON, 16, Bute Street, Bolton Woods, Bradford.
WHAT SHE BELIEVES—NO FLATTERY—UNTIL FLATTERED.
HARNESS, 10, Patshull Road, Kentish Town, N.W.
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J. NORRIS, 42, Whitstone Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.
FAMILY SKELETON—POLITELY TERMED "BOYISH FIGURE."
HEBELL, 102, Manor Square, Chadwell Heath, Essex.
HOME AT HOME—IF SHE "MINDS HIM."
PAYNE, 10, Meon Road, Acton, W.
LINGERING HANDS—FREQUENTLY, SOLLY'S SEASON TICKET.
J. ROWLANDS, Lansdowne, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos.
WHEN A MAN—MODERN WOMAN "LOOKS LESS."
SANDRING, 1, Earle Street, Earlestown.
WHEN BROKEN—ROADHOG'S RECORD, MEETING SHEEP.
TOOPE, 2, Bell Court, Crediton, Devon.
NEVER SATISFIED—ATTITUDE, SAVES GRANTING KISSES.
WILSON, Distington, Workington, Cumberland.
WHAT THE PEDESTRIAN SAID—"QUICK—HE MIGHT REVERSE!"
WOOD, Station House, Normanton, nr. Leeds.
WHEN SHE DANCES—PARTNER CARRIES CLOTHES-BRUSH.

100 Prize-winners of £1:
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BULLETS FIRST PRIZE £1,000

2nd. Prize £250

3rd. Prize £100

10 PRIZES OF £5 — 100 PRIZES OF £1 — 10 PRIZES OF £2 10

4th. Prize £50

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5th Prize £25

EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" No. 551.

WINSTON'S JOB
WHAT WE'RE AFTER
BRITAIN'S BACKBONE
CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE
THE RIGHT WORD
FALLEN IDOL
HOW TO BE HAPPY
SAD BUT TRUE
STEEL HOUSES
DAY OF RECKONING
NASTY KNOCK
WHAT WIFE MEANS
IN THE UNDERWORLD
SLUM BABY
WHEN THEY ARE MARRIED
MAN'S PRIVILEGE
ON LIFE'S STAGE
EXTRAVAGANT
COME TO STAY
COOL PROPOSAL
WHEN SHE CALLS
RARE GIFT
FOOD FOR SCANDAL
A POLICEMAN
DIFFERENT STORY
FOND OF HER
UNLIKELY
THE LAW
WITH A FROWN
TAME
FROM A BOY
WHAT TO EAT
IF I WERE SINGLE
HAND OF FATE
AMBITION
WHAT THE PASSENGER SAID
IF IT'S A GIRL
MATRIMONIAL AGENT
DOGS OF WAR
WHAT IS WIRELESS?

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS" — NO LETTER RESTRICTIONS.

Choose any of the *Examples* printed; then give any **Two, Three,** or **Four Words** having some bearing on the *Example* chosen, each of which can begin with any letter in the alphabet. These specimens will guide you:—

Example:—HEART OF THE EMPIRE *Bullet*:—"JUMPS" WHEN PRINCE DOES.
Example:—WHAT IS A HUSBAND? *Bullet*:—FAMILY BUTT—AND BUTTRESS.
Example:—TO-MORROW *Bullet*:—YOUTH'S CRYSTAL—AGE'S HOUR-GLASS.

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Example _____
Bullet _____

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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 30. With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, February 12.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____

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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 30. With 2 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s.
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Address _____

"Bullets" must consist of Two, Three or Four Words.

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, February 12.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____

(551) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 30. With 3 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s. 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, February 12.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____

(551) P.O. No. _____
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If you desire to send in further "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper

List of Five-shilling Prize-winners in "Bullets" Competition No. 548 will be published in this week's "Competitors' Journal." Complete list of Cash and other Prize-winners can be seen at the office of "John Bull."

SPECIAL NEWSAGENTS' PRIZES.—Cheques for £10, £3 and £2 respectively will be paid to the Newsagents from whom the winners of the three chief "Bullets" Prizes in Competition No. 551 have purchased their copies of "John Bull."

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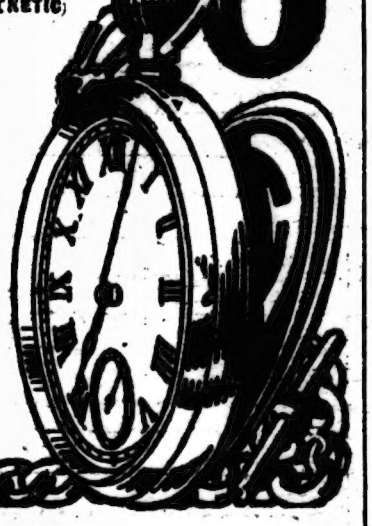

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